From the Chairman:

April News

Spring is finally here and the long wait for winter to end is almost a reality. We have had the opportunity to have the chief agronomist from the Carolina Golf Association complete a site inspection here at Mimosa. He was very impressed with our course and stated “we have a country club quality course on a municipal budget”. Our superintendent, Dan Winters has done a remarkable job and we are so very fortunate to have him here at Mimosa. I want to thank all who participated in or donated to our Members Workday. The work that was accomplished has prepared the course to truly blossom this spring. Nice Job !!

Our membership quarterly goals have not only been met, but exceeded. Our membership has grown to 408 members. Therefore, I am pleased to announce the reinstatement of our dues reduction program beginning in April.

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Our post-season pool inspection has revealed significant structural and major safety issues. There are large cracks within the walls with water losses that impact the integrity of the pool. The drainage system must be redone to eliminate the possibility of injury or fatality. Safety is paramount at Mimosa. The Board has had four contractors evaluate and bid on repairs. The cost is $120,000. Subsequently, the Board has approached four financial institutions to fund this project. Thus far, none have offered to fund the pool repair. We have received one offer to fund a new roof for the clubhouse, but they have declined anything concerning the pool. Therefore, until we can locate funding, we will have to delay the opening of the pool. The Board will diligently continue to explore options for financing.

In the interim, starting April 1st, members in the Social, Pool & Tennis category will be moved to the Social category and have their dues reduced to the Social rate of $15--dues, $5--capital, $30--dining minimum. They will maintain their tennis privileges and their golf privileges for children not in high school. Members in the Social, Pool, Tennis & Jr. Golf will have their dues equivalently reduced to $60--dues, $10--capital, $30--dining minimum. Members in good standing in both categories will be reimbursed the $55/month difference from October 2015 to April 2016. If you joined after October 2015 your reimbursement will be prorated based on your date of joining the Club. This reimbursement will be paid in three monthly installments beginning in June 2016.

This unfortunate turn of events is certainly not what any of us envisioned. I want to assure you that the Board will continue to explore every option until this situation is resolved. I wish to invite you to a viewing of the pool on Saturday, April 23rd at 4pm and answer your questions and hopefully hear your ideas as to a solution.

Respectfully submitted,
John F. Sallstrom, President
CGA agronomist, Bill Anderson, performed a site visit on March 1st. He commented that our greens were some of the best he had seen and was overall very complimentary of Dan’s golf course maintenance program. He gave us some recommendations concerning Bermuda encroachment, and poa annua on the greens, and how to improve fairway growth, especially on hole 12. The visit was very informative.

The annual workday was held on Sat, March 12th. Many thanks to the 40+ people who came out and helped tackle a number of projects including:

• Placing sand in 11 bunkers.
• Cutting the Muhly grass on #3 tee, and #13 tee
• Cutting the monkey grass all over the course.
• Filling thousands of sand divots and picking up sticks on all the holes.
• Filling divots on the driving range.

We received $1200 in donations, which will pay for the lunch and the bunker sand. Thanks to all who contributed.

Ronny and Ronny Wilson Jr donated the use of two trailers and a front end loader which made the bunker sand and Muhly grass projects much more efficient. Thanks guys!

A special thanks to Jeff Catlett who came all the way from Sevierville, Tenn. to participate.

After the workday, Bernice grilled a nice hamburger/ hotdog lunch for the work crew. Thanks Bernice and your team!

Please remember that our work does not end after workday. It is our responsibility as playing members to do all we can to keep the course in good shape as we play. Picking up broken tees and repairing/sanding divots is the least we can do. Dan and his crew do not have time to do these things, it is up to us.

Knox Matthews, Grounds Chairman
**WINTER HOURS**

**Restaurant Hours:**
- Sat thru Wed: 11am-3pm
- Thurs & Fri: 11am-8pm

**Bar Hours:**
- Sun thru Wed: 11am-5pm
- Thurs & Fri: 11am-8pm
- Sat: 11am-3pm

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**April Thursday-Friday Dinner Specials**
*(beginning Thurs April 7)*

**Entrees**
(served with dinner bread and choice of two sides)

- 6 oz. Beef Filet $16.95
- 10 oz. Beef Filet $24.95
- Peanut Crusted Salmon $16.95
- Pork Chops $14.95
- Vegetable Lasagna $12.95

**Sides**
- House Salad ~ Caesar Salad
- Kale & Apple Salad ~ Zucchini & Squash Gratin
- Fried Okra ~ Grilled Eggplant
- Roasted Sweet Potatoes with Maple Glaze
- Parmesan Roasted Broccoli

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Our expanded summer menu will be available beginning Monday, April 18th. The delicious wings you have been craving will be back on the menu.

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The Snack Shack will be opening on May 4th. Snack Shack hours will be Wed. – Sat 10:30 am till 3:00 pm. We will be serving sandwiches, hot dogs, snacks, beer and drinks. *(Items purchased at the Snack Shack will not be included as part of the dining minimum.)*

### Wednesday Lunch Box Specials

Every Wednesday beginning April 13 the dining room will be offering a Salad & Baked Potato Bar

11am – 2pm

$8.99

Chicken Salad, Grilled Chicken & Grilled Salmon can be added at an additional charge.
April Golf Events

Appalachian State University Ladies Intercollegiate
April 3\textsuperscript{rd}-4\textsuperscript{th}, Sunday-Monday
Shotgun Start at 9:00am both days. The golf course will re-open for regular play at approx. 3:00pm each day. The practice facility will open at 9:30 each day.

CGA Senior 4-Ball
April 12\textsuperscript{th}, Tuesday
Shotgun start at 10:00am. The golf course will re-open for regular play at approx. 3:00pm. The practice facility will open at 10:30.

Mimosa Cup
April 16\textsuperscript{th}-17\textsuperscript{th}, Saturday-Sunday
A unique Ryder Cup team format. The first 32 players to sign up will split into (2) teams and play team competitions both rounds. There will be a pairings party Friday evening in the bar and grill. Tee times will begin at 9:00am each day.

Demo Day
April 20\textsuperscript{th}, Wednesday
3:00pm until 7:00pm
Please come out and try the latest and greatest in golf equipment.
Vendors schedules to appear:
Titleist ~ Callaway ~ Ping ~ Cobra

Carolinas Healthcare Blue Ridge Pro-Am
April 27\textsuperscript{th}, Wednesday
1:00pm shotgun start. The golf course will be closed until approx. 6:30 pm. The practice facility will be closed until 1:30pm.

Mimosa Hills Member-Member
April 30\textsuperscript{th}-May1\textsuperscript{st}, Saturday- Sunday
Play will begin with a 10:00 shotgun start each day. The golf course will be closed for this event until approx. 2:30pm each day. The practice facility will open at 10:30 each day. A copy of the official entry form should be included in your April statement. There are also official forms located in the Pro Shop.

Monday-Wednesday-Friday Senior Group
New starting time for April. The senior group will begin play at 9:00am on Friday April 1\textsuperscript{st}. There will be no senior play on Monday April 4\textsuperscript{th} and Wednesday April 27\textsuperscript{th} to accommodate outside events.

Jimmy Piercy
PGA Head Golf Professional
The ‘Member Work Day’ took place on March 12 and was again a great success. Thanks to all who participated manually or financially. It is inspiring to see the support to help our gem of a golf course be the best it can be. Many things were accomplished to include: filling many divots on tees and fairways, sticks picked up, cut back Liriope, cut back the Muhly grass on tees #3 and #14, driving range divots were filled and 18 tons of bunker sand was added to a dozen bunkers. Ronnie Wilson and Ronnie Wilson Jr. donated the use of their tractor / loader and 2 trailers for the overall effort.

The greens healed up quickly from aerification due to great temperatures and the smaller diameter holes. The weather continued to cooperate and allow us to aerify the rest of the golf course the following week. The spring application of pre-emergent weed control was completed. The entire golf course will be fertilized once the bermudagrass reaches complete green-up late this month to mid-May. The reason for this is to get the most ‘bang for our buck’ for the cost of the product. The plant needs to be active to take up the nutrients.

On March 1, 2016, the Carolinas Golf Association Agronomist, Bill Anderson, paid Mimosa Hills Golf Club a visit to evaluate our facility and maintenance programs. Present were myself, Board members, Golf Professional Jimmy Piercy and Asst. Supt. Brian Reddick. Due to the fact that our club is hosting a CGA major (NC Senior 4-Ball) this year the visit and report were free of charge. You can find a link at the end of this article to view the written report.

Bill Anderson took over for Dr. Leon Lucas in 2014 when Dr. Lucas retired. Bill graduated from Michigan State University in Turf Grass and was the Golf Course Superintendent at Carmel Country Club in Charlotte, NC for 41 years. His expertise is very valuable and we look forward to a continued relationship for years to come. It is beneficial for other staff members and board members to get feedback other than just my own on how best to accomplish goals whatever the budget is. Bill visits golf courses of all levels throughout North and South Carolina.

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The tour consisted of an evaluation of our green’s aerification and topdressing program, past winter kill and shade situations, tree removal and re-grassing, the maintenance facility and equipment, Bermuda grass encroachment into the greens, the replacement of dead and dying Leyland Cypress and the irrigation pump station and pond. Of course, Bill offered tips on many other topics to me as we toured the course.

Thanks to the success of the ‘Mimosa Hills Preservation Donors Club’ program we have begun work on tree removal on hole #12. In Bill Anderson’s report, he stated that Bermuda grass needs 8 – 10 hours of sunlight per day during the growing season. To add to that, we have witnessed that winter time shade has caused the majority of our winter kill during cold winters. Our goal is to save specimen trees yet spaced out in a way to allow the necessary sunlight to grow the Bermuda grass. Bill Anderson suggested some new varieties for me to seek availability on. The project will consist of tree removal, stump grinding, cart path repair, tilling and re-grassing.

April is great time to start off the golf season so please come out and enjoy. A huge effort was made to catch up on sanding the fairway divots on member work day. Let us all pitch in and empty those bottles on a regular basis. There are 6 sand boxes on the golf course and the sand bottle exchange box at tee #10.

Thanks for your support!

To read the agronomist report click the link below.
Carolinas Golf Association Agronomist Report
Or check with the business office about a printed copy.

Dan Winters
Superintendent
To the members,

February proved to be quite a “fruitful” month as not only did our fairways start growing early, so did our membership. Our membership grew by thirteen, one of the highest months of growth in recent history.

Please welcome the following new members to Mimosa Hills:

**Non-Resident** - Josh Roosa, Douglas Hollifield, John & Linda Duffy, David & Tori Riggi, Long & Padra Yang, Jerry & Cindy Fulcher, Bill & Margaret Waterstradt, Gene & Judy Shuford, Harry Heavner, Dexter Warren, Michael & Penny Taylor, Adam Beuttell

**Social** – Chad & Lisa Burel, Sunny & James Brown

Thanks very much to those of you who referred us to your friends and family while we work in the background on outside activities.

We will again be utilizing the services of Miller Management Associates to aid us in our “out of county” outreach. Brett Miller is a proven resource and trusted advisor on marketing to those who are outside our sphere of influence and we will be looking forward to seeing the results of his efforts again this spring.

So, if you see someone you don’t know at the clubhouse or on the course, stop and say “Hello” as you never know how much your friendly face and welcome embrace may mean to their future membership decision.

Don McGinnis
Membership Committee Chairman
Ladies,

April is the beginning of the ladies golfing season. Each Thursday morning at 10 a.m. we gather to play a team event. Cost is $5. And we do this until the last Thursday in October. We would like to get a 9 hole group started also. Anyone who wants to play 9 holes please call the pro shop. Come on out and join the fun!

Looking forward to seeing you the first Thursday in April (April 7th) at 10am.

Keep on swinging,

Flo Carter
Mimosa Hills News:

Work in progress on Hole #12 funded by the Mimosa Hills Preservation Donors Club.

To be a part of this exciting opportunity please call the business office. 828-437-2967.