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Pine Brook Country Club

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President's Message

Valued Pine Brook Members (New and Old),

My first official duty as your newly elected Board of Director President is to pay homage and thanks to David Niblock, the departing President who has served in this position for the last 5 years. You really need to be a board member to appreciate the time and effort that he has devoted to the best interests of this club and its members. David has served as Board President 3 times (1991, 1999 to 2002, and 2005 to 2009). He has directed the board and the club through some of the toughest and darkest moments in the club's 55 year history. I have the privilege and misfortune to succeed him as president because compared to David, I am woefully lacking and ill equipped to fill his shoes.

David's attributes include:

- Life time member of PBCC (since 1954)
- Undergraduate degree from St. Andrew's College, and Law degree from Campbell
- Talented guitar player and gifted vocalist who may have aspired to be a professional, before he figured out he had to make a living
- Very active in the Baptist Church
- Capable negotiator and litigator
- Eloquent and loquacious, if not verbose at times (it's the attorney in him: he bills by the hour)
- Knows parliamentary procedures and how to manage a board meeting, adhering to the rules and regulations at all times

Contrast this with my qualifications:

- Last time I was president of anything was the Chi Phi Fraternity at Amherst College in 1972
- Prior to that I was the fraternity treasurer who inherited a \$15,000 liquor debt, and 15 years later when I left, the liquor bill was still \$15,000
- Prior to that, I was a social chairman, with keys to the beer cooler (then I was popular)

To paraphrase Winston Churchill's remark about the RAF in the fall of 1939, "Never has so much been owed by so many to so few (i.e. David Niblock). The club is indebted to David for his immense and contribution of time and talent serving in its best interests over the last 2 decades. We thank you for a job well done, and hope that your capable legacy provides us with valuable guidance going forward.

I want to welcome John Bruggman, Frank Peplowski and Patti Sink to the Board, and look forward to working with them during the upcoming year. Also, a special thanks to Ethan Igleheart, Kent Manning and Mal Timm for running for the Board, an election that was very close.

Best Regards

John Welch
President



Mark Your Calendar

December 5th
Breakfast with Santa
9:00 - 10:30

December 13th
Holiday Brunch
11:30 - 2:00

December 18th
Seafood Buffet
6:00 - 9:00

December 20th
Sunday Buffet
12:00 - 2:00

December 31st
New Years Eve
Buffet
6:00 - 9:00

Membership News

Please keep in your prayers...

The Mock, Reich, & Hartis Families

Mr. Floyd Mock passed away at the age of 72 on Tuesday, October 13th.

Mr. Grady Reich passed away at the age of 86 on Thursday, November 5th.

Mrs. Ann Hartis passed away on Tuesday, November 24th.

Browse for Brunch

Locate your member number in this newsletter and receive two complimentary Sunday buffets. Call the office at 767-2941 to claim your prize.



The Pine Brook tradition of holiday caroling will continue with the **Carolers of Christmas Past** on December 18th. They were recently invited to perform at the National Christmas Tree Lighting on December 3rd in Washington DC.

Thanks to everyone that attended the Thanksgiving Day Buffet!

We would like to welcome the following new members and their families to our family here at Pine Brook:



- John and Katherine Robinson
- Jesse Carr and Kathryn Everhart
- John Bacon and Raquel Ward
- Michael and Connie Bissell
- Justin Mills
- Hal and Karen Lucas





Manager's Corner, by Tony Johnson

Dear Members,

The tree work continues to prove productive but at a much slower pace because of the wet weather and shorter days. Weather permitting; we will continue the process throughout December with little to no disruption to the playability of the course.

We continue to increase membership (61) despite the economic challenges and the time of year when we normally do not get a tremendous amount of interest. Thanks again to all of you for your efforts in supporting and promoting the new membership program!

For those of you that were unable to attend the membership meeting on November 24th, our lender has agreed to continue working with us as we try to become current in our mortgage loan obligation. Many of our members have generously made a voluntary pledge to the Club to help with this obligation but additional contributions are needed and are essential in order to satisfy our obligation to the lender. We need to immediately receive payment on all the previous pledges. Further, we ask all other members who are able to make a voluntary contribution to consider making it at this time. If you are unable to make such a voluntary contribution, please consider the "buy down" of the new dues structure. Taking advantage of the buy down will immediately held with the Club with an increase in cash flow. Call me at your earliest convenience at 767-2941 to discuss or to arrange to meet with you if you have questions.

A very special thanks this month to the decorating committee: Richard Chapple, Betty and Bobby Faulkner, Angela Jenkins, Tim Maby, Shirley Patterson, Nancy and Bob Simone, Pat and Mal Timm, Carol Williams, Iris and Tom Womble, and Brooke Wozniak. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and the clubhouse looks fabulous!

Last, I'd like to thank past President David

Niblock for the last five years of the tireless effort he put forth for the club. I believe we can all agree that his leadership has been critical through what is likely the most challenging time in the clubs history. It has been a pleasure and a great experience to work with him over these last several years. On behalf of the entire membership and staff, thank you David, we are forever indebted to you for your contribution to the club!

For questions or comments, please call me at 767-2941 or email me at gm@pinebrookcc.com.

Sincerely,
- Tony



Board of Directors

John Welch	President
Tom Johnson	Treasurer
Dick St. Clair	Secretary
David Abernethy	Clubhouse & Pool
Drew Jenkins	Membership
Steve Fields	Golf Course
John Bruggman	
Frank Peplowski	
Patti Sink	

Management Team

Tony Johnson	General Manager & Course Superintendent
Brian Barry	Golf Professional
Darin Garrett	Asst. Superintendent
Joy Barber	Business Manager
Gary M. Brown	Executive Chef
Shirley Patterson	Banquet Manager
Shelia Jones	Dining Room Manager

Course Schedule at Glance

Range and Golf Shop Opens:

Monday 10:30am
Tuesday-Sunday 8:30am

Golf Shop Closes:
Monday-Sunday 5:30pm

Range Closes
Monday-Sunday 5:30 pm

1st Tee Time
Monday 11:00am
Tuesday-Friday 9:00am
Saturday 10:00am Shotgun
Sunday 9:00am

Carts in by 5:30 Daily

Charter Room Hours

A La Carte Lunch

Wednesday	11am	to	2:30pm
Thursday	11am	to	2:30pm
Friday	11am	to	2:30pm
Saturday	11am	to	3:00pm
Sunday	11am	to	3:00pm

A La Carte Dinner

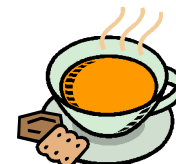
Friday	5:30pm	to	8:30pm
Saturday	5:30pm	to	8:30pm

Chef's Corner, by Chef Gary



Ahhh...December is here and it's time to put aside all of our personal apprehensions, anxieties and any other manifestations that might get in the way of thinking of others and how we can "pay it forward" by making someone else's moments a little bit brighter. Those little gifts we give (perhaps a simple nod and a silent smile to a passing stranger) can give warmth to those beyond us as well as to that within us. I may be waxing a bit poetic, but then again, 'tis that time of year to reflect upon all that has been good, all the successes we have experienced, the camaraderie we have shared, the laughter we've enjoyed, the wisdom we have garnered, the pleasures we were offered...and so much more. Yes, there has certainly been a share of opposition in all of our lives this year...but, again, it is time to put that aside and offer a month or more of solice and repose to those around us and to ourselves as well. In so doing, I wish everyone the merriest of months for 2009 and better months for times ahead.

On another note, hot coffee, hot chocolate, and hot soup began at Divots on November 1st, so dress warm and enjoy one of the winter's wonders: "I wonder what the soup will be today?"



Golf Shop News, by Brian Barry

Night Golf Tournament – October 30th

Thanks to a sell-out crowd of 48 players, the Night Golf Tournament October 30th was a huge success! Twelve 4-player teams competed and surprisingly the scoring was very close. After applying the team handicaps only 4 strokes separated first and last place in the Net Division – *AMAZING* considering most players have never played golf in the dark!!!!

Here are the results:

1st Place Gross:

Rick Ammons
Justin Daugherty
David Morgan
Stephen Myers

2nd Place Gross:

Drew Whicker
Nate Turner
Adam Whicker
Josh Tench

1st Place Net:

Jeremy Rudock
Megan Rudock
Eric Lewis
Kristi Lewis

2nd Place Net:

Chris Miller
Christie Miller
Randall Furches
Amy Furches



Susan & Al DeGuzman and Shawn & Alisha Sleep

****All prizes were in the form of Golf Shop Credit****

Special thanks to Brooke Wozniak who donated Trick-or-Treat bags in each cart and thanks to Anne Forehand for her help on the beverage cart! Thanks also to Darin Garrett and his staff for helping set-up the golf course and thanks to Shirley Patterson who coordinated the childcare on Friday Night!

If you didn't get a chance to participate this time we hope you can join us in the Spring for our next Night Golf Tournament!! Thanks to everyone who played and helped make this event a success!

Breakfast Tournament – November 21st

Summary

Thanks to 59 Pine Brook Members & Guests, the Breakfast Tournament last Saturday was a huge success. Special thanks to Guest Speaker Mark Beshears for his insight into Golf Fitness - his presentation was very interesting and informative! The buffet breakfast was delicious as always so thanks to Chef Gary and his staff for a great meal. The golf course was in great condition once again so thanks to Darin Garrett and his staff for providing us such an outstanding course to play on Saturday! Finally, a huge thanks to Shirley Patterson and Staff for their fantastic service during breakfast and in the bar after the tournament!

Results

1st Place:

Jeremy Rudock - Tom Bailey - Charlie Markley - Iris Womble

2nd Place:

Mike Meadows - Mark Snow - David Burgess - Hal Williams

3rd Place:

Tom Logan - Chris Logan - Steve Kilcoyne - Gary Watson

4th Place:

Butch Clark - David Abernethy - Drew MacGregor - Scott VanPoppel

Congratulations to all the winners!

UPCOMING EVENTS – December

Golf Shop Christmas Sale & Party Saturday, December 12th 12:00pm – 5:00pm

- Discounts up to 75% OFF on Golf Clubs
- Discounts from 20% OFF to 50% OFF on Clothing
- Complimentary Gift Wrapping
- Refreshments

