

ABERDEEN

Spring 2018

Newsletter

Dear Aberdeen Neighbors:

It's been nearly a year now since the possible purchase of the Course at Aberdeen was announced. As your Board President, I can tell you, it seems like about 10 years to us on the Board! So many details had to be attended to, so many discussions and decisions. It's been an exciting, exhausting time for all of us. There's been an unbelievable number of details that needed attention. I lost track of the number of hours I've spent on this project a long time ago!

It's been worth it, though! We own our beautiful course. There are many developments across the country that have had their course close, and their POA didn't have the funds or the good credit to purchase it. They had to sit helplessly by and watch the weeds grow and the grounds deteriorate. We are so fortunate that we were able to afford to buy our course, and that we were able to secure financing! Most banks won't even consider loaning money to a POA, particularly for a failing golf course, and we had two banks to choose from! Both were willing to talk to us because of the strength of our POA. This is something for which we can all be very proud.

John Patzwald has given you a very comprehensive review of the large projects that have been accomplished at the course since we closed the first week of August. While all of these projects were costly, we were very careful to find the best contractors at the best prices, and the Board worked hand in hand with Billy Casper Golf prioritizing these projects and overseeing their completion.

In addition to the biggies though, there were several projects accomplished this year that we felt were important for the aesthetics of the course and the comfort, safety, and good impressions of our golfers. We all owe John Marshall and 1st American Management a huge thank you for their help with many of these projects! They provided manpower and equipment at a fraction of what it would have cost us anywhere else and we were consequently able to stretch our dollars much further.

As many of you who have been to the course over the last few years probably noticed, the clubhouse and picnic shelter had fallen into major disrepair. The shelter was particularly bad, with rotted wood, peeling paint, and an overall shabby appearance. The clubhouse and shelter have both been repaired and have a shiny new paint job! They both look brand new! Along with the painting, the roof of the clubhouse (and also the starter's building at the practice area) was repaired, and the garage door to the cart area was replaced.

We all agreed that first impressions were important, and we wanted folks that drove in at our course to get a good first impression. The parking lot had become a real mess! All of the ash trees, which hadn't been treated to try and save them, had died. The parking lot had not been repaired or seal coated in many years, some of the lights in the parking lot weren't working and the stone monument pillars at the entrance and around the outside of the clubhouse were in bad shape. All of these issues have been corrected. Now, when you turn in at the golf course, you see a neat and tidy, seal coated parking lot, and our beautiful clubhouse! Not a bunch of crumbling masonry, peeling paint and dead trees!

Along with the complete overhaul of the restrooms on the course that John mentioned, we decided to replace the drinking fountains at both restrooms, which I know will be appreciated by the golfers. We also voted to replace the automatic ball machine at the driving range which will help to bring in some additional revenue to the course.

All in all, things are looking 100% better for opening in the spring! And we are confident that these improvements will all contribute to a good impression on anyone who visits. It's important that we develop as much repeat play as possible, and these improvements will be a great encouragement.

Billy Casper Golf has lots of fun outings, leagues, and activities planned for the upcoming season! We are excited to start the year with our course and grounds in beautiful, well kept and cared for condition. Let's all get out and support our course! If you play golf, play here! If you don't play golf, at least tell your friends that do play about all the wonderful improvements we've made! Come to the "Meet and Greet" that is being planned later this spring and see it all for yourself.

Our course will only succeed with the help of all of the 600 households of Aberdeen. If we don't support it, why should anyone else? We all have a personal interest in the success of our course, and we should all make it our responsibility to help any way we can.

Here's to a great and profitable summer for the shiny new Course at Aberdeen!

Denna Fyock—President

Aberdeen Board of Directors

Summer Concerts

The tenth season of “Concerts on the Green” will kick off this summer in Aberdeen. While the groups who will play are still being determined, the dates are set! Concerts will be held from 7 to 8:30 pm on Wednesday evenings beginning on June 20th and running every Wednesday for eight weeks, with the last concert on August 8th.

The music will be a mix of rock and roll, oldies, folk, bluegrass, etc. We try to get a nice mix of all kinds of music to appeal to many different tastes. We are also working on lining up food trucks for these dates so that attendees can buy dinner and snacks.

These evenings are so much fun! If you haven’t experienced it yet, this is the summer to give it a try!

More information will be available at the Annual Meeting in June. In the meantime, if you have questions, comments, suggestions, feel free to email me at Denna@AberdeenManor.com



Hello Neighbors!:

On behalf of The POA Board, Billy Casper Golf and the entire Course at Aberdeen Team, we wish to express how excited we are to be a part of the positive changes and direction at the facility. Since the purchase of the golf course, some major capital and operational improvements have been completed which we want to share.

One of the major challenges facing the maintenance team was a lack of irrigation control and the overall condition of the irrigation system. Any good superintendent will tell you – if you cannot control water, you cannot deliver consistently good turf conditions. Our situation was even worse, as the lack of irrigation control was compounded by many countless leaks and failing sprinkler heads. Well, good news! We are in the final stages of installing the technology control features which will allow our superintendent, John Mischke, the ability to irrigate the course from a central location. This major improvement will help us use water more efficiently, free up staff time to devote to other aspects of the day to day operations, and to be great stewards of our water use. In other words, the Agro team will spend less time trying to keep water when and where it is supposed to be and more time making the course look great!

In addition to these irrigation improvements, the capital funds allowed the Course to purchase new maintenance equipment, adding several pieces which will greatly assist our efficiency and reduce the hours our mechanic spends on repairs. For the golfer this will mean better consistency of cut and conditions, and for the team this will mean more time working and less time fixing antiquated equipment. Bunkers alone will improve dramatically simply by allowing John and his team more time to focus on them.

The safety of our guests and employees is our number one service theme, and anyone who rode the golf course in recent years quickly realized the state of the cart paths and bridges was a major safety concern. Our goal was to completely replace the two worst bridges on holes 9 and 12, and as of mid-January we accomplished this. Additionally, smaller bridge connections were re-planked and the rail boards will be completed in the spring. Major repairs were also completed on the cart paths in the fall, and everyone who enjoys the course in 2018 will enjoy a safer, smoother ride.

On-course restrooms are always a component of service to our guests, especially for ladies, and both restrooms have been completely renovated. There will be coded locks added, eliminating the need for a key, and the team is committed to consistently providing our guests with clean, well-stocked and presentable restrooms from now on.

You can also look forward to a completely stocked golf shop this season via our Billy Casper Golf national partnerships. Titleist, Callaway, Greg Norman, Tourney, FootJoy, Adidas, and Antigua will be featured. We will stock the golf shop with merchandise which sells, and can accommodate any special order you may have.

Lastly, the entire golf and Food and Beverage teams at The Course at Aberdeen will continue to undergo extensive training to ensure we are providing you, your neighbors and your friends with the most enjoyable golf experience we can. We will rebuild the reputation of The Course at Aberdeen one happy guest at a time!

From the entire team, thank you for giving us the chance to change the direction and bring back the luster to The Course at Aberdeen.

John B. Patzwald, PGA
General Manager

SPRING 2018 REMINDERS AND IMPORTANT EVENTS!



SAVE THE DATE!

~ANNUAL MEETING~

When: June 18th, 2018 @ 6pm

Where: The Aberdeen Manor



The Pool at Aberdeen

*****OPENING DAY MAY 26, 2018*****

Picture ID cards are updated at the Pool Cabana during regular pool hours. If you are a new resident, a new card will be made for you.

Pool Phone Number: 219-531-0399

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