

## 26 February 2019 BoD Meeting

### Members in Attendance

John Stanton - President  
John Foottit - Secretary/Vice President  
Tom Reynolds - Membership  
Brian Bond - Treasurer  
Don McLeay - Greens  
Dave Evans - House  
Judy Spencer - Ladies Representative

### Staff in Attendance

Dan Kolar - Manager  
Bill Hudson - Greenskeeper  
Kyle Hudson - Assistant Greenskeeper

### **Decision Record**

1. The meeting was convened at 6:05 PM.
2. The downstairs area of the clubhouse has been converted to LED lighting. The project was on time and on budget (\$5,000). Hydro savings are in the order of 80% less than incandescent bulbs (a payback of less than 3 years). Virtually all of the club, inside and out, has now been converted (except for the main lounge because we have a surplus of indoor fluorescent bulbs for this area that we want to use up first).
3. The Ottawa Golf Expo will be held at the EY Centre on Friday 8 and Saturday 9 March. Information displays and hand-outs have been updated and a booth reserved. For all of those who provide an e-mail address when submitting their name for a draw for a free, one-year membership draw, we will offer a 2 for 1 green fee deal. Board volunteer staffing schedules for the booth have been arranged.

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4. We continue to look for a new tee-time reservation software that will allow on-line bookings by members and green fee players. We will, however, remain with the “Buz” system this year because we are not yet satisfied that the software build and test procedures for the new system are sufficiently mature for a conversion in the near term. We do expect to “beta test” another more advanced system later this year.
5. The Carleton Place Hospital tournament is returning to the Mississippi in 2019.
6. The Ladies’ locker room will be repainted before opening this spring. Further refurbishment options will be reconsidered in the fall when our financial situation will be more clear.
7. The Greenskeeper’s report is attached. In addition, the Greens Director has included an information paper on Bunkers. This paper will also be posted on the club’s website.
8. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM. Next meeting will be on Thursday 4 April at 6 PM at Myers Motors.
9. The Spring Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on Wednesday 24 April at 7 PM.

John Foottit  
Secretary/VP

If any member has a question or a concern, please contact me at:  
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**Greenskeeper’s Report**

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We have started blowing air into the nine greens once a week now instead of bi-weekly. We will continue this process until the covers are off. All greens have between 1" of crusty ice to 3 "of hard ice.

We have not taken any snow off the greens because of the cold temps that have persisted. When we feel it is safe, we may remove snow that is on the tarps. Since January 1st there have been 12 days with above zero temperatures under the tarps and a total of 28.2 mm of rain. This has caused a lot of ice to form all over the course.

We are completing the equipment overhauls. Installing lights on our new greens roller and getting our chainsaws and blowers looked at. We will start to do the spring maintenance on the carts next week (March 4th).

We have conducted a few interviews and will make our decisions on who we hire by the end of the week. We have also sharpened some reels for other courses.

### **Bunkers**

#### **Introduction**

By definition, bunkers are hazards on a golf course with the intent to penalize a player for hitting an errant shot. However, they require strategy, provide challenge and aesthetics and can be a continual topic of discussion after a round.

At the Mississippi we have the typical three types of bunkers used in golf course architecture.

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We have 12 fairway bunkers. These are designed primarily to gather up wayward tee shots on our par 4 and par 5 holes; they are located to the sides of the fairway.

Our 26 greenside bunkers, located near or around the green, are designed to collect wayward approach shots on longer holes and tee shots on par 3 holes.

We also have two waste bunkers which are large sandy areas and are not considered hazards.

Our greenside and fairway bunkers are a mixture of flash-faced and flat bunkers. Flash-faced bunkers are higher-lipped bunkers where the sand extends high up the sides.

We use two different types of sand in our bunkers. In the greenside bunkers it is a finer type of sand, and is the same type as we use to light top dress our greens. In the fairway bunkers it is a coarser type of sand, and is the same type as we use to top dress our greens following aeration.

### **Maintenance**

We strive to rake our bunkers Tuesday, Thursday and once during the weekend. Larger bunkers are raked by machine while the smaller bunkers and the faces of flashed-faced bunkers are raked by hand.

Edging of the greenside bunkers is scheduled for every two to three weeks and the fairway bunkers are edged approximately three times a year.

The machine exits of the bunkers are re-sodded in the fall as required.