

2009 Acme Golf Course Spring Newsletter

Welcome back golfers, the season is coming shortly. This is the first newsletter to be distributed for the 2009 season. Throughout the season more newsletters will be distributed discussing the golf courses tournaments, information from the board, course conditions, and sponsors for the season. In an effort to help with the environment, we are emailing this newsletter out from now on. We are contacting all members asking for everyone's email address, to send out the newsletter. Please provide the clubhouse your email address as well as updated contact information this year, with your membership payment. If you don't have an email we can fax out the newsletter to you, or a copy of the newsletter will be available in the clubhouse. A second newsletter posting our yearly tournaments will come out before the season starts. Please take a few minutes to browse through the notes from the clubhouse, notes from the president, rates for the 2009 season, sponsors and appreciation list.

Notes from the President and Board of Directors.

By Mike Knight - 2008 President

I hope everyone had a good holiday and some time off during the holiday season. Hopefully some of you received new golf equipment and are excited for the upcoming season. We are presently running our early bird special for pricing of all memberships until March 15th 2009. Originally the date was scheduled for January 31st 2009, but that was extended as this newsletter was late in getting out. There will be no extensions provided after the deadline. Phone calls have been made to members, and this newsletter is being sent out to all members. The reason for the discount on memberships is over the winter, the golf club has no income, and bills trickle in until December. We need as much money as possible just to carry us through until the next golf season. We have contacted the bank to provide us an additional \$20,000 of overdraft, but with the cost of gas, employees, fertilizer and equipment, the bills add up quickly. I have been contacted by a few members asking why the rates have been going up over the past few years and here is what I can tell everyone. The Acme Golf Club is a non profit organization. We are operated by a board of directors that volunteer their time. The cost of rising wages to pay a clubhouse manager and superintendant are almost double from what they were seven years ago. Wages for staff have doubled in the past seven years. The price of diesel fuel and gas last year was over four times what it was ten years ago. The price of fertilizer has tripled in ten years. The price of equipment has risen fifty percent in the past ten years. All of our costs have significantly increased, and our goal as directors is to provide golf as cheap as possible and stay in business. I know we are only a 9 hole golf course, but that is our disadvantage compared to an 18 hole course. The larger the golf course, the more revenue they have to work from and only have to add a few additional staff to look after the additional holes. Their large overhead is spread over a larger area and revenue stream. It would be nice to expand our course to 18 holes, but the price of land, without a private investor, would be impossible. Our full single rate of \$499, is comparable or less than the following; buying a new driver, a set of golf clubs, nine rounds of golf at Carstairs, eight rounds of golf at Delacour, four rounds of golf in Raduim, three nights in a hotel or twenty four cases of beer. I myself last year played six rounds of golf at Acme and have purchased my membership next year with the intention of probably playing less than ten rounds of golf up there. It is about more than just buying a membership to get as many games in as possible. It is about being a member of a club, a non profit one at that. Last year we started the price reductions on drinks for all members, and we held a member appreciation day. There are discounted rates for the Men's and Ladies Open, and the two club championships we have just for members. We are trying to reach out to old members, present members, and look to new members to continue our over 40 years of an organization. It is the members at the Acme Golf Course that make it such a great club to belong to. If anyone has any concerns about our rates, I ask them to attend our Annual General Meeting, scheduled for April 4th 2009, 6:30pm. It will be held in the Acme Hall, and after the meeting a fun casino will take

place. A credit to the Golf Course will be given out to the person with the most money at the end of the night. There will be additional prizes handed out that night.

Let me take a few moments to introduce the Board of Directors for the 2008 season. Mike Knight (2010) was president, Rick Hagel (2008) was vice president, Shirley Hovde (2008) was the treasurer, Mike Krenzler (2009) was the secretary. The remaining directors are John Gibson (2010), Lloyd Miller (2009) Al Whymark (2009), Eldon Boake (2008), and Russell Friend (2008). We made a motion to add two additional directors to make it a group of nine. With everyone's busy schedule it has been very difficult to complete some of our tasks and these additional people will help out great. Every three years, three new or existing members will have to be elected. At this year's annual meeting 4 position/terms will be required. There will be three positions for 3 years, that expire in 2011 and one position for 2 years. As the president, I hope all our existing directors wish to return, and also advise if anyone is interested in becoming a director, please contact me and I will add your names for nomination at the meeting.

The Acme Golf Club began the 2008 season with a fresh start inside the clubhouse and outside on the course. We hired two local people to complete these tasks. Jason Bates was hired as our clubhouse manager. Jason's great knowledge of golf, along with his club making skills transformed our clubhouse to provide a small pro-shop with clubs and other amenities. Also his management skills showed off as the constant turnover we have every year, was reduced this past season. Jason also brought back a junior program, which we have been missing in the past few years. It was nice to see so many young faces coming out and participating as they are the clubs future. Jason and the board are working on a few new things for Men's and Ladies nights to try and draw more people out. From the boards position Jason did a great job in the 2008 season and we hope even a better one coming up as he will be returning in the 2009 season

Justin Huddle was hired as the new course superintendant. The 2008 season was a difficult one for the weather. The cold dry winter, combined with the late April storm, really did some damage to the course. A few of the greens took a month or two to come back to life and it took until August for the 9th green to make its comeback. This was a very difficult challenge for our new superintendant, Justin. I was contacted by multiple people concerned with our greens situation. The Acme Golf Club was not the only club to be hit by this problem. All golf clubs that did not have the resources to tarp the greens again before the temperatures dropped to below minus 20, had issues with their greens. I played golf at most of the courses in our area, and courses like Drumheller, Delacour, Crossfield, Carstairs, and Strathmore all had green issues for the 2008 season. After the month of August I thought our greens were as good as ever. Well with the exception of the vandalism on 5. I played some of the above courses late in the year, and some of those courses' greens came back as good as ours. Our golf course comes down to mother nature, and if she does not cooperate, there is nothing you can do. Justin did a great job, and had a great staff that worked hard for him. Our only issue was with some of the equipment. We had a tough year on a few pieces of equipment, and director Rick Hagel and member Corwin Skuce deserve a big thank you for all time spent working on equipment around the course. Justin completed a new tee of box on the 1st hole, new fence along the parking lot, and has almost completed the bunker along the 1st hole. We are hoping to have this completed with our new projects for next year that I will discuss later. Justin also brought us checkerboard fairways and greens. It added a new touch and for those who noticed it, looked very nice. It is unfortunate but Justin has decided not to return next year and we have posted the job for next year. We are presently working on finding a replacement for the superintendant position, and hope to find this by the end of the month.

Notes from the Clubhouse Manager

By Jason Bates

Last year we made a few changes in and around the clubhouse. We put on the outside of the clubhouse beside the door a bulletin board showing all club news and functions. The bbq area was painted. I added a more expanded pro-shop with a variety of clubs, balls, clothing as well as a few more items. We also expanded our menu in the kitchen with a bunch of new items. The up coming year, there will be a bunch of new changes as well. With a new paint job for the inside of the clubhouse, some new menu items and the liquor cards will be back again as well. The Junior program will be up and running again this year starting in the middle of May and going to the end of June, details will come about closer to the opening of the season. I will be purchasing four handheld Sky Caddie GPS units for rental this year, as well a few new items for the pro-shop. This time with the purchase of your membership you will be automatically entered in the computers handicap system, it will be the same one we used last year which was internet based. Last we did a member appreciation day with some success and will be doing it again this year. For Men's night this year in May and June it will be the organized night like we had three years ago where it starts at 6:00 with hole prizes as well as the deuce pot. I want to do it this way as a league is not viable because of seeding. This means that it is just a show up and play event with attendance not being mandatory. Ladies night will have a fun night on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. I also would like to have a mixed fun night on the third Friday with drink and food specials. As some of you know we are offering a number of different memberships, the clubhouse will be giving out cards letting the staff know if it's yearly, monthly, weekday, weekend or corporate as well as a cart membership. I look forward to seeing everyone again in the spring and if you would like to make any suggestions please feel free to let me know.

For anyone who played the course at the end of the year, we made what I would call a couple of major changes. In order to resolve the drainage issue around the 1st green, we have dug in a small drainage line that we will fill with rocks. It goes in behind the green and around in front of the 2nd tee off box. We also dug in a bunker in front of the water on the 8th hole. We moved some dirt around the golf course in order to create some new tee off boxes, highlighted by a new ladies tee off box on the 4th hole. Our goal is to have all of these changes completed and in operation by the middle to end of this 2009 golf season. We removed the sign by the 1st hole and are working on a new sign. This has been started and we hope to have this completed and installed during the start of the year. We also worked some more on the cart paths at the end of the year. Our goal is to have all of the completed and repaired for the end of this coming season. All of the above jobs and work throughout the year would not be possible without volunteers, sponsors, and individuals who donate their time or equipment. Please take a second to go over all the people who help make the Acme Golf Club a special place.

THANK YOU to following people:

Devon Baerg – Track Hoe work on course	Corwin Skuce – our “on call” mechanic
Donovan Hagel – Bob Cat work on course	Rick Hagel - Farm equipment supplier
Whiska Creek Exteriors – New 2 nd floor in shop	Sid Toews – Donated gravel/use of truck
Earl Jeninga – Donated gravel/use of Bob Cat	Allan Metzger – our website designer
Kee West Construction – Donated gravel/Bob cat work	Brent Enns – Donated gravel
Mike Knight – Tournament Organizer	Mike Krenzler – Tournament Organizer
Doreen Boake – Tournament Volunteer	Doreen Ternowetsky – Tournament Volunteer
Lloyd Miller – Organization of course upgrades/help with it and gravel	Neil’s Excavating – Donation of sand it
Don Schissel – Mowing of tall grass around the course around course	Gerald Schissel – Mowing of tall grass
Darren Hagel – Donator of Sand to course	Todd Metzger – Builder of new sign
Mary Ann Robinson, Doreen Ternowetsky & Rhonda Huddle – planting of flowers on entire course	

Also a big thank you to our casino volunteers that generated us over \$35,000 this year.

Al Whymark	Shirley Hovde	Mike Krenzler	Beth Whymark
Earl Robinson	Justin Huddle	Glen Rieger	Wayne Graham
Larry Weisgerber	Gracie Weisgerber	Albert Neufeld	Ed Heck
Mike Knight	Del Bates	Rick Hagel	John Richter
Mark Steel	Monty Metzger	Russell Friend	John Gibson
Brian Kenschuh	Gary Gibson	Todd Metzger	Gunther Neufeld
Doreen Ternowetsky	Vera Wilkinson	Doreen Boake	Eldon Boake
Jim Schwartzenberger	Jason Bates	MaryAnn Robinson	Celeste Park
Andy Park	Dave Fegan	Clark Taylor	Murray Hunter

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	Early-March	2009	
Single Memberships	\$460	\$499	Early Bird Cut off to be March 15 th 09. No Exceptions
Couples Memberships	\$760	\$799	
Family Memberships	\$860	\$899	
Juniors	\$125	\$125	
<u>Corporate Memberships</u>		\$2,500	Corporate Memberships will include 4 names
Monday to Friday Green Fee 9		\$20	
Monday to Friday Green Fee 18		\$28	
Mon-Fri Unlimited same day golf		\$35	
Saturday/Sunday/Holiday 9		\$25	
Saturday/Sunday/Holiday 18		\$32	
Sat/Sun Unlimited same day golf		\$40	
Single Membership Mon-Fri		\$350	
Couples Membership Mon-Fri		\$600	
Family Memberships Mon-Fri		\$700	
Monthly Membership		\$200	
Yearly Cart Membership Two names		\$800	
Yearly Cart Membership One Name		\$500	