

October
2018



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I hope everyone has
a scaretiffic Happy
Halloween!!

President's Report

Our greens are healing up nicely and hopefully cooler days and nights are ahead. In my opinion, the Fall is the best time to be a member at Mimosa Hills. This is when the views are the best and the greens are the fastest.

October will be a busy month. We start off the month by hosting our annual 4-ball tournament October 6th - 7th. This is one of our larger member events from a revenue stand point, in addition to the quality of play. We host the Burke County Public Schools annual tournament on October 12th. The Fall Member-Member will be held on October 13th-14th. You can sign up in the pro-shop. On October 15th-16th we are proud to host the Lenoir Rhyne Intercollegiate. We finish off the month hosting a G-Pro tournament on October 24th and 25th. The Board is aware the delays and closings of the golf course is frustrating to the members. However, I ask that everyone remember the positive financial impact the outside tournaments have. The above tournaments alone will generate approximately \$38,000 in revenue.



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We finish up the fiscal year on September 30th. In the November newsletter we will provide a financial overview of the past year for the members. We will then have a short fiscal year from October 1st – December 31st. The new fiscal year will then coincide with the calendar year beginning January 1st.

Another reminder, the Initiation Fee will go into effect on October 1st. As I stated in my follow-up note, this is not an assessment. Therefore, existing members are not required to pay this amount. The Board is evaluating the dues structure as well as capital needs. We should have something ready for the membership in the next couple of months.

Stella is planning some exciting events for the remainder of the calendar year. The goal is to have one special event per month. Please check your email so that you don't miss out on these events.

Please join me in welcoming the new members approved at the September Board meeting:

Gregory Shell – Resident Single
Ricky Brandon Arrowood – Non-Resident
David Burak – Non-Resident
Jarrod Ogle – Non-Resident
Brian Filipowski – Non-Resident
Byron Fite – Non-Resident
Amber Lackey – Social & Junior Golf

This brings our total membership to 439 with 362 being golf members. This is also the first month that I can recall that we have not had any resignations!

I look forward to seeing everyone around the club.

Jordan N. Greene
2018 Board President



Food & Beverage:



Mimosa Hills Dining Room and Bar & Grill Hours

**Please support the Dining Room
and Bar & Grill at Mimosa Hills.**

Sunday 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Monday **CLOSED**

Tuesday 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wednesday 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Thursday 11:00 am - 9:00 pm

Friday 11:00 am - 9:00 pm

Saturday 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

***To help us serve you better,
reservations
are appreciated for all evening
dinners & special events.***

October Friday Night Dining Specials

**All Dinner Specials come with a House
or Caesar Salad**

Ribeye

**Baked Potato, Vegetable & Dessert
\$20.95**

Crab Cakes

**Baked Potato, Vegetable & Dessert
\$23.95**

Shrimp Scampi

**Baked Potato, Vegetable & Dessert
\$15.95**

Sweet Chili Garlic Salmon

**Baked Potato, Vegetable & Dessert
\$15.95**



*Here are a couple
highlights from the
Preservation
Club Event*



*Have your party or
event here!*



Monday – Wednesday – Friday Seniors

The new starting time will be 10:00 am for the month of October.

Pro Shop Hours

Monday - Friday

8:30am - 7:00pm

Saturday – 8:00am -5:00pm

Sunday - 8:00am - 6:00pm

Range Hours

Monday - Friday

8:30am - 6:00pm

Saturday and Sunday

8:00am - 5:00pm



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Golf Events for October:

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Mimosa Hills 4-Ball Invitational

October 6th & 7th, Saturday & Sunday

The golf course will be closed until approximately 2:00 pm each day to non-tournament players. The practice facility will open to members at 11:00 am each day.

Burke County Public Schools Golf Outing

October 12th, Friday

The golf course will be closed to non-tournament players until approximately 4:00 pm. The practice facility will open to members at 11:00 am.

Mimosa Hills Fall Member-Member

October 13th & 14th, Saturday & Sunday

The fall member-member is a net event open to all golf members. The tournament champion is determined by the low 36-hole net total. Co-ed teams are encouraged to play. Please see page 8 for the entry form and more details.





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Lenoir Rhyne College Practice Round

October 14th, Sunday

Practice rounds for the college event will begin at 11:00 am following the Fall Member-Member. The golf course will be closed to non-tournament play until 5:00 pm. The practice facility will be closed all day to non-tournament players.

Lenoir Rhyne Intercollegiate

October 15th & 16th, Monday & Tuesday

Monday - The golf course will be closed all day to non-tournament players to accommodate the 36-hole day. The practice facility will open to members at 10:00 am.

Tuesday – The golf course will re-open to non-tournament players at approximately 3:00 pm. The practice facility will open at 10:00 am to members.

G-Pro Event

October 24th & 25th, Wednesday & Thursday

Tee times will begin at 8:30 am both days.

The golf course will open to members at approximately 1:00 pm each day. The practice facility will re-open to members at approximately 11:00 am.



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Fall Member-Member

October 13th - 14th

Format: 36-Holes- Best Ball Net of team.

There will be a prize for the best 36 hole gross total. Tournament Champions will be determined by the best 36 hole **NET** total.

Eligibility: Open to all golf members. Teams may consist of a male and female.

Cost: \$80 per player, includes cart fees with lunch following play on Sunday.

Tee Times: Begin at 8:30 am both days.

Entry Form-Deadline October 11th

Name: _____

Partners Name: _____



Donations are not tax-deductible.

On the course:

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As was mentioned in last month's newsletter, the summer has on average been the warmest in my 12 years at Mimosa Hills with average temperatures slightly above 77 degrees for June, July and August. Typically, the average for the month of September has been at 70 degrees for the last 12 years. Through September 24 the average has been 77 degrees. How does this affect the golf course? Well, the bentgrass greens seemed to do well through the aerification, topdressing and verti-cutting process the week of Aug. 27. But they seemed to go down hill the following week with average temperatures of 80 degrees for 7 consecutive days.

The greens had the appearance of disease. Samples were sent to NC State University and certain fungicides were applied while waiting for the results. The greens finally appeared better on Sept. 12 and the results from NCSU came back as negative on the same day. It was stated that other samples had come in at the same time frame with similar appearance (disease looking) and perhaps the timing of the heat through the aerification process and a weakened grass after a long summer was the culprit. Older bentgrass greens (13 years and older) seemed more affected. This is due to the nature of the grasses in that as they age different biotypes become more prevalent and handle stress differently and get very 'patchy' looking. This shows in the winter months as well from the cold.

I believe that the applied fungicides played a major part in their recovery. All of the fungicides we use are good for plant health as well as preventing and curing diseases. It was also beneficial that during the arrival of the remnants of hurricane Florence we had 4 days of 72-degree average temperatures and a steady soaking rain. Going forward, the greens continue to heal and re-build roots but more so when the average temperatures get below 70 degrees. We will continue to lightly seed and fertilize weak areas. Some areas may be plugged with grass from our chipping green and or the local sod farm. Also, we will continue to pluck out the goosegrass weeds and fill the voids with a seed, fertilizer and sand mixture.

These warm summers seem to be the 'new normal' and the conversations on bentgrass vs. bermudagrass greens continue as I have addressed over the years. CGA Agronomist Bill Anderson's reports have addressed this as well. There is one comment that keeps coming up I would like to comment on. 'We thought that these new bentgrasses (A1, A4, G2 etc.) were supposed to be extremely heat tolerant, why the problems?' First of all, these bentgrasses are far more superior than the older varieties of Penncross or Pennlinks. Due to many more plants per square inch their increased density alone has them staying healthier than the older varieties in the summer months. They certainly putt better. And yes, they have been proven to be more heat tolerant. But they are still a 'cool season' grass and at certain soil temperatures begin to shut down and decline in root mass making for a weak, soft playing surface.





Typically, our summers used to have what I called ‘6 weeks of hell’ for our bentgrass greens. 6 weeks became 8 weeks. 8 weeks became 10 weeks. This year we have had ‘14 weeks of hell’. Also, I need to point out that these greens were seeded in the spring of 2003 with the A4 bentgrass variety. A solid choice, but that was 15 years ago and the better choice in this day and age is ultradwarf bermudagrass (UDB), a warm season grass. The new UDB’s were not put to the test in the transition zone until around 2010. Many were skeptical at the time, but some were convinced to convert due to catastrophic losses of bentgrass. Well the popularity took off. A multitude of golf courses have converted to one of the UDB’s (Champion, Miniverde, Tifeagle or Sunday) from the Piedmont region of North Carolina to further east and south in the Carolinas. To date I have not heard of one golf course that has regretted the decision. The decision should not come down to personal opinions for which grass some golfers might prefer. The decision is based on: Which grass produces the best playing conditions by number of days for the golf season (March – October)? UDB. Which grass is the best agronomic decision (health and survivability)? UDB. Which grass is the best for long term financial success? UDB.

Some courses had problems this past winter due to some bitter cold temperatures in January (mid teens to single digits). Since the UDB’s came into our zone the USGA has had recommendations for the successful growing of these grasses to include; hours of sunlight (especially in the winter months), adequate moisture levels (especially in the winter months) and the use of protective covers when temperatures get below 25 degrees and additional recommendations for temperatures below 15 degrees. To my knowledge, of the courses that had turf loss, all or some of the USGA recommendations were not adhered to. I will gain more knowledge of last winter’s problems at the Carolinas Golf Course Superintendent’s conference in Myrtle Beach in November.

The warm weather was good for the 12,000 sq ft of bermudagrass sod that was laid on holes 11 & 14 as part of the Mimosa Hills Preservation Donors Club effort. Trees were removed in the spring and the stumps ground. The soil was tilled and smoothed and the sod put down on Sept. 5 and 12. Tree removal is necessary for needed sunlight, so the grass can establish and remain healthy. This fall and winter we will begin removing trees on holes 3, 18 and 7 in preparation to continue the re-grassing of bare areas. Thanks to all the donors. These efforts keep making our golf course better and better.

Perhaps fall weather will finally arrive this month and everyone can get out and enjoy the golf course.

Dan Winters, Superintendent



Red Tees:

In October the ladies will be starting play at 10am on our Tuesday and Thursday play days. We will have tee times on the third Saturday of each month at 9:50 and 10:00am.

Hope you have had the opportunity to see the improvements in the Ladies Lounge. Hopefully more will be done in the near future.

Look forward to sunny crisp October days for more fun on the golf course. Remember, you have a choice whether to play 9 or 18 holes on Thursdays and still have the opportunity to win the pot collected for that day. We will continue to play, weather permitting, throughout the year. The MHLGA dues are \$25 in October and again in April. Total \$50 a year. The more members we have the more we can do for our club.

See you on the course,

Flo Carter



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Mimosa Hills Calendar for October 2018

(subject to change, visit website for a more up-to-date calendar)

Sun 30	Mon Oct 1	Tue 2	Wed 3	Thu 4	Fri 5	Sat 6
Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-5pm	RESTAURANT CLOSED	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-5pm	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-5pm	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-9pm	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am - 9pm	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-5pm Mimosa Hills 4-Ball Invitational
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
4-Ball Invitational Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-5pm	RESTAURANT CLOSED	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-5pm	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-5pm	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-9pm	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am - 9pm Burke Co Schools Golf Outing	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-5pm Mimosa Hills Member-Memt
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-5pm Lenoir Rhyne College Practic Mimosa Hills Member-Memt	Lenoir Rhyne Intercollegiate RESTAURANT CLOSED	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-5pm Lenoir Rhyne Intercollegiate	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-5pm	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-9pm	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am - 9pm	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-5pm
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-5pm	RESTAURANT CLOSED	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-5pm	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-5pm G-Pro Event	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-9pm G-Pro Event	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am - 9pm	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-5pm
28	29	30	31	Nov 1	2	3
Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-5pm	RESTAURANT CLOSED	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-5pm	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-5pm Happy Halloween!	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-9pm	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am - 9pm	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-5pm

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