

APRIL 16, 2009, BOARD OF MANAGERS 6 P.M.  
BOARD ROOM at THE CLUB AT NEW SEABURY

**Present:** Rich Bailey, Joe Anastos, Bill Blaisdell, Rosemary Burns, Darlene Furbush,  
Bill Levine, Jerry Hoffman **Absent:** Dan Goggin, Sy Yanoff

Chairman Rich Bailey welcomed Board members to the first meeting of 2009. It was suggested an attractive sign listing the Board of Managers be posted in the entry.

**GOLF:** A calendar of scheduled events as well as a color-coded schedule was handed to members. The committee was thanked for the efforts made by them and Brendan Reilly to consolidate tournament play, in order to give more open time on the golf courses to all members. The need of more communication, making this information available to members, was emphasized, including a detailed calendar, and posted information in the Pro Shop. Later in the meeting, Brendan said work was in progress for posting a schedule in the Pro Shop, in detail, all tournaments, outings, maintenance projects, at least two weeks in advance.

A discussion was held concerning the Sunday afternoon following the three-day Member Guest tournament, when in the past the course has been closed for maintenance. Later in the meeting, Course Superintendent Scott Nickerson cited the need for special maintenance in the middle of the summer, but will make efforts to change scheduling, weather permitting.

It is once again recommended that starters and rangers be very specific in advising golfers of the rules regarding slow play, as well as pertaining to where the golf carts may travel. Later in the meeting, Brendan said Rangers are advised to request assistance from the Pro Shop when a cart driver consistently violates the regulations. Examples of Tournament checklists were distributed describing duties of golf staff, food staff, and NSMGA committees.

A request will be made to open the Practice Range early on tournament days.

**TENNIS:** Jerry Burt has been rehired for the 2009 season and will be Director of Tennis.

**FOOD & BEVERAGE:** Committee reported that the popular specials will continue this season. They met with Roy and Josh and made suggestions to help increase members' use of the dining facilities. A suggestion was made to increase the size of the patio on ground level, and add an outdoor grill, creating an inviting atmosphere for lunch. It was also suggested that a few dinners with exceptionally finely prepared foods and special wines be scheduled on Tuesday, June 26, July 28, August 25, accommodating a maximum of 30 members.

It was also suggested that Barbequed Baby Back Ribs be offered on the lunch menu at Popponesset Inn. To promote events, it was suggested that posters be mounted throughout the club, as well as small cards presented with dining checks, advertising the next month's specials. New chairs for the club dining room are expected for the summer season.

**BEACH:** The committee reported on their January meeting concerning Beach/Cabana operations. There is a great need for the enforcement of the regulations already in place. The regulations concerning allotment of one chair per member in attendance should be posted at the chair station and the complete set of regulations should be posted at both entry desks. Young beach chair attendants should notify senior management of members violating the posted rules. It is suggested a letter be sent to all Sports Members prior to opening day detailing the regulations and the enforcement policy. The beach committee chairman will request he be invited to the first meeting of management with lifeguards and beach attendants. The policy for use of the chairs and tables on the Cabana Dining Deck should be posted

**NOMINATING:** Letters requesting nominations to the Board of Managers will be sent in June. Rosemary Burns and Jerry Hoffman announced they will not be candidates for the terms beginning August 2009.

**‘TOP 9 IMPROVEMENT LIST 2009’**

1. Management is working on a survey regarding member satisfaction to be sent to members early summer.
2. Management will be asked to improve conditions at the Practice Range, including better club washing containers, ball pick up, member identification.
3. **COMMUNICATION:** Committee will be working on the upgrading of BOM web pages, as well as enhancing communications between members and the Board.

**JOINT SESSION:** At 7:40, Steve Brennan, Judy Horton, Brendan Reilly and Scott Nickerson joined the meeting. Steve announced there was the same number of members for 2009 as 2008, remarking that attrition was lower than expected.

Brendan handed out a paper regarding news and expectations for the 2009 season. He stated improvements will be made to the Practice Range, making it an attractive extension of the golf course. There was discussion of diplomacy of rangers to have the maximum time of play be 4 hours and 15 minutes, as well as communication of availability of the golf courses with postings in the Pro Shop, new flagsticks from Laser Link, new golf cars, returning and new staff.

Scott reviewed the challenges of last season with the late installation of the irrigation system, but said both courses are looking exceptionally well as this early date. Discussion was held regarding the scheduling of maintenance with the least interference to members, but controlled by the weather and the requirements to maintain outstanding golf courses. Scott said he is looking for an experienced turf supervisor at the practice range, and he is very pleased to have 32 new pieces of state-of-the-art equipment.

Judy handed out edited 2009 Rules and Regulations to each Board member.

**Next meeting is May 14.** Venue managers of Beach, Tennis and Fitness will make presentations.

Adjourned 9:00 p.m.