

Tee Talk

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Gasping up for 2019

They are just about finished. Even heroic measures cannot extend the life of the Club's electric rental carts without a cost that exceeds potential income. Rental carts are a "must-have" to generate extra income from guest players and for use in tournaments.



A joint search by Jarrod Miller and Mike Smith located 2010 model gas-powered carts at a course in Texas for sale at \$1,850 each.

If up to four carts are confirmed mechanically sound, the Board has authorized their purchase. A short-term loan would fund the purchase with payments made from current income rather than spending an estimated \$10,000 on course chemicals this year.

Getting square with it

A recent iPhone 6S donated to the Club will allow immediate processing for VISA, MasterCard and debit card transactions.

The benefits include instant declines for insufficient funds, faster checkout, direct deposit in the Club's account, customer convenience, sales tracking and reporting improvements.

Currently handwritten sales slip data must be phoned in nightly but does not incur fees. Card-reading systems charge the vendor a flat rate per swipe.



Make your voice heard

With Adam Davidson's resignation in good standing from the Club and board of directors, his term will be unfilled through April. Adam and Harold Howard's three-year terms end in April.

Let Janice Leonard, Harold or Jarrod know if you are willing to be a board candidate. The Nomination Committee will prepare an election ballot for an April vote. In addition to adding two board members, a new president will be selected.

The Club's welfare and future depends upon member volunteers to keep the Club open and the lights on. Like golf courses throughout the nation, recruiting and retaining members is a struggle. Through November, the Club was operating at a net loss of \$4,947.

One win: 2017 property tax rebate received One dilemma: 2018 property tax not reduced

After paying off the Club's 2017 property taxes and filing a formal protest on the assessed value, Treasurer Tim Bryan received a \$2,880 check from Montgomery County, as well as a \$146 check for interest on the overpayment. The original property tax was double—\$5,760.

Unfortunately, the lowered valuation was not carried forward for 2018. Therefore, the Club must make send its first half payment of \$2,880 before being allowed to file a protest.

The expected outcome is that the total property tax for the year would be refunded to \$2,880, meaning the first half payment should cover the 2018 expense and result in a \$2,880 reduction of expenses annually.



Congratulations to Bob Bush for winning the 2018 season Men's League Match Play.