



February 2021 Newsletter

Warm Wishes to all

Winter has finally shown up. I am typing this late and while snow is falling. Don't forget that even if the Golf Course cannot open the Clubhouse is in full swing. Open Wednesday through Sunday and food available Thursday through Sunday. Thanks to Monika and her able assistant, Dan, we have food available at the Clubhouse. If you have not tried Pickle soup then now is a good time to try it.

Our 2020 financial report required allot of thought and exercise. Thanks to Barry for the hard work on putting this together. We feel confident in these numbers and it has taken awhile to get here. This Report has much more detail than what we had been presenting and should please even those pocket protector types. Always remember as an Equity Member you are always welcome to any and all info we have in the office. My "street smart" evaluation of the HCC budget is that your Club is tremendously stronger financially then we were going into 2020. The quick example I can give is that we are now monthly asking WHICH bills to pay not IF we can pay the bills. Your HCC Board has worked hard and made some tough decisions the have guided us here. Also our staff, volunteers and Members that have assisted should all stand up and take a bow....THANK YOU ALL.

Also the HCC 2021 budget has been finalized. This budget is very conservative in the projections for 2021 HCC income. In 2020, even with the Pandemic, Hawthorne was able to grow and expanded our Full Membership with about 25 new full Members. The Pool Committee was able to make the pool season a very successful and profitable season and that season was operating during the "heat" of the Pandemic concerns. The Vistas at Hawthorne has been able to transform our tennis court areas into an area that will be an asset financially to your Country Club. These are the factors that guided this budget. If the our world becomes healthy and safe faster and people are more comfortable in social gatherings, Hawthorne will do much better than projected.

The 2021 Golf season and tournament outline is having its final tweaks put on it and will be out shortly. There are changes from the "normal" tournament schedule so once it is out please take note and plan your participation. Hawthorne will be offering a full 2021 golf event schedule.

Hawthorne's greens are progressing slowly. The weather and the snow have slowed the plans to improve them but spring is coming and we are getting prepared. We have consulted with several suppliers and experts. Some of assessments have been onsite and some has been virtual in nature. We feel that the plan of tines and reseeded has the best chance of having the greens we are used to early in 2021.

The Board has decided to move forward with some new equipment. It has been remarkable that the aged equipment that we are using has been able to keep doing the job. Not only do they show their age but parts are getting nearly impossible to obtain. We feel by getting the new equipment our staff will



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use their time to maintain and improve the golf course rather than always repairing equipment. The general numbers to obtain these equipment pieces has been built into the 2021 Budget. Still not sure if leasing or direct purchase is the best method to move forward. **Watch for a Member's Meeting to discuss the decisions the Board is making.**

The Vistas at Hawthorne is ready for your event plans. We are set up for even last minute venues if needed. Please consider this Club asset and Connie will be able to assist you through any type of event and circumstances. Please contact Connie Bowling at 301-751-1480 or bowlingcg@hotmail.com.

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