

Pine Mountain Lake Men's Golf Club

President's message

June 2011

We are nearly half-way through the year and have endured unending cold and wet conditions, far beyond what would have been expected. That's the downside. The upside is the course is in excellent condition and will be for many months thanks to Mother Nature, Alan McDonald and his staff. Please take the time to thank Alan and his staff when you can.

The survey we conducted earlier this year has concluded and the results are available at our website, www.pmlmgc.com. Click on "Recent News Bulletins" and then click "survey results". Gary Oing put a lot of time and effort into creating the survey and then more time and effort in compiling the results and the final report. Our current Board would like to take this opportunity to thank Gary for his efforts on behalf of the Club. The Board would also like to thank the 122 members who took the time to participate in the survey. The results of the survey reflect that operation of our men's club and our tournaments are, on the whole, satisfactory for the majority of the club. The survey also gives the Board valuable input in determining which direction the Club should take to improve our tournament schedule, i.e., most popular and least popular tournament formats and when they should be scheduled. This information, when combined with the numbers of entries for various tournaments will be used to amend our current schedule where appropriate and to prepare the schedule for next year.

As an incentive to participate in the survey, those who provided their name and phone number were eligible to win a free membership in 2012. A random drawing was held at the May MGC Board of Directors meeting. Jim Goodrich was the lucky winner and will receive a free membership for 2012.

Regarding our tournaments, there have been a number of comments made by various members of the Club that it seems the same members are winning most of the time and that there may be problems with handicaps not being what they should be. Some have thought this is due to the fact that our MGC tournaments are not posted as "T" scores. The Board has discussed this and decided to analyze MGC tournament scores for the last 12 months (eligible to be posted) and apply the NCGA reduction formula to see if there are any instances which would have resulted in a reduction by NCGA if they had been posted as "T" scores. A spreadsheet was prepared tracking each player's results and subjected to the NCGA formula. The result up to this date is there are no members who would be subject to a reduced handicap. There are some instances of exceptional scores, but according to the formula, more than one exceptional score is required and those scores are compared to the difficulty of the course, not to the scores of others in the tournament. We will continue to track eligible scores for the balance of the year.

Thanks once again to Gary for his time and effort and also to all of those members who participated in the survey.

Ron Maguire
2012 President