

Rolling Hills Country Club

September 2024

“To find a man’s true character, play golf with him” – P.G. Wodehouse

A Note from Steve:

I hope this newsletter finds everyone in happy spirits and good health. It was a pleasure to come out to Rolling Hills this morning and get the carts out in 59 degrees and sun. It felt like fall. We all know there are plenty of hot days to come, but the cool morning and the kids going back to school remind us that fall is around the corner.

September at Rolling Hills means a ton of events and our Annual Meeting. We have leagues or events on 21 of the 30 days in September. So, please call for tee times and we hope you can support some of the events this month. Our big events this month are the Labor Day Scramble on Sept. 2nd, The Lahay Memorial on the 7th and 8th, Stover Athletics on the 21st and the Laufenberg Club Championship on the 28th and 29th. Sign-up sheets are in the proshop.

Our Annual Meeting is Monday, September 30th at 6:00 pm. We will be electing three board members to replace the three that have terms expiring this month. Leaving the board is Keith Loethen, Mary Garrison and Bob Harger. There are seven candidates to fill the three open spots. This newsletter has the names and short bio’s from most of the candidates. We hope you take the time to read through the info and maybe visit with them prior to the meeting. It is great to have seven individuals that would like to serve. There have been many years when we have had to beg or twist arms to get three. So, please be respectful and appreciative of each person offering their time and effort to Rolling Hills.

As far as the course, we have been very busy. Last year was the best year in our history and this year has not fallen short in comparison. We have gained members and continued pay our way while investing in improvements and paying down our debt. I am excited to share all that information with you if you come to the Annual Meeting. It is important to make improvements and its even better when we don’t have to use general funds. To that end I will be starting a fundraisers to make improvements to our beverage and food operations. Currently we sell most of our beverages out of the one cooler which has served us well for over 25 years. Yes, that is the same cooler. We all need to cross our fingers that it keeps ticking. The plan is to move the cooler, ice machine, coffee and hot dog machine into the room next to the proshop. It would be much nicer and give us room to grow. Not to mention, provide much needed storage. My first fundraiser will be to raffle off a Callaway Driver or Fairway wood of your choosing. It will be special ordered so you will be able to get the proper fit. Tickets will be one for \$10 or three for \$20 and we will sell tickets until the Annual Meeting. We will draw the winner that night.

Thank you for your support,

Steve

2024 Candidates for the Board of Directors

The Following Members are Running for the Board of Directors

In alphabetical order:

Scott Bauer
Mary Garrison
Gene Hirst
Keith Loethen
Doug Morrow
Ron Naber
Patrick Rowland

We have seven candidates running for three open positions. We asked for a short bio and reason for serving from each of them. This is what was submitted. We hope this gets you to know each of them a little better.

Scott Bauer

My name is Scott Bauer and I have been a lifelong resident of Stover MO, and a lifelong member at Rolling Hills Country club. I graduated From Stover in 1996, went off to college for a couple of years and then moved back to Stover in 1998. I am married to my wife, Tara, for 25 years. Together, we have 3 kids; Brenden 25 of Stover, Emily Nolting, 22, and her husband Brock of Stover, who are members at RHCC, and our youngest Hannah, 18, has just begun her 1st year of college at Central Christian College of the Bible in Moberly MO, where she will be studying the Bible and playing volleyball. I have worked at Stover Milling Co. since 1998 and owned it since 2009. My grandparents, Edmund and Alice Bauer, and my parents, Jim and Joyce Bauer have been members since long before I was born and my family has been members ever since we were married. I enjoy RHCC and the flexibility of keeping my cart at the course. With a busy lifestyle I don't get over much during the day, so playing a lot in the evening works great for me.

I am running for the board because I have grown up playing here and this is home to me. I want to see this course continue to succeed and keep it one of the best places to play around the lake.

Mary Garrison

I have been a club member for 44 years, served on the board multiple times as Finance Officer, Vice President and President. I am active in all club activities. My work career was in data processing as a programmer, systems designer and Project Manager for over 40 years. I want to serve as a board member to be involved and to give back to an organization that provides me with much pleasure.

Gene Hirst

I'm Gene Hirst and I'm on the ballot for one of the positions open as a member of the board of directors of RHCC. I'm originally from Tipton, MO and I retired as Assistant District Manager of CO-MO Electric Cooperative Laurie Office. While living in Tipton I was a member of the following boards: Member and Past President of the Community Swimming Pool, Vice Commander Adjutant, and Finance Officer of Edgar Cole American Legion Post 304, Past Commander, Vice Commander of Zack Wheat American Legion Post 624 Sunrise Beach, MO.

I have been a member of RHCC since 2015, first as an annual pass member and the last several years as a platinum member. The members of RHCC are very fortunate that we have a great eighteen-hole golf course for our rural community!

I have served on a lot of different boards. As a member of a board, you must always vote for what is best for the club or organization. If elected I will always vote for what is best for RHCC.

Keith Loethen

BIO – I am married (Teresa) with 4 kids and 4 grandkids. I retired from the Army in 2016 after 28 years of service. I am a contractor for the Army assisting in training Army units globally while also driving a bus for Morgan County R2. I currently serve on the RHCC Board of Directors, finishing out a former member's term. I previously served on the RHCC Board of Directors from 2019-2022 and I also worked on the golf course maintenance crew for a couple of years during the same time-frame.

Why serve on the RHCC Board of Directors – I would like to continue to serve on the RHCC Board of Directors as I believe that there is more for me to do. During my previous and current time on the board I have gained knowledge and understanding of what should be done and what still needs to be. I believe that "it's always been one that way" is not the way to operate. It creates stagnation. I am a hard right over the easy wrong type person. I believe that an organization cannot rely on one person for success. What happens when that person is no longer there? An organization should rely on its strength from the whole and not from one person or a select few. It has been said that "absolute power corrupts absolutely." Every member of RHCC should be working together to grow the organization and put trivial differences aside so that there is not "absolute power." The true strength of any organization lies in the ability of all to work as one. If elected to the RHCC Board of Directors, it is my goal to help move the organization forward so that it is an enjoyable place for the generations to come. Sometimes that means change but not without compromise. I hope that whomever is elected to the board has the intestinal fortitude to do the right things for ALL member of RHCC and not just for a select few.

Ron Naber

Ron was a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps from 1966 to 1970 serving in the Presidential Helicopter Squadron in Quantico, Virginia. Ron went on to get his BS in Accounting at Sangamon State University. After graduating, he worked for Caterpillar for the next thirty years. During this time, he worked as a computer System Analyst before attaining APICS certification and moving to the Purchasing area for user systems development. Next, he moved to Logistics Manager and then on to Purchasing Manager for three and a half years in Xuzhou, China where his main responsibility was to develop Chinese Suppliers to meet Caterpillar Quality standards. Upon leaving Xuzhou, Ron moved to Peoria, Illinois as a Commodity Manager responsible for managing the purchase and quality of all Caterpillar product heat transfer components world-wide. During his career, he also served twelve years as the Treasurer of the Village of Stonington, Illinois where he introduced the first computer system of Accounting for the Village. Ron also served four years as the Village's Mayor. During which time, they applied for and received a grant from the state to build a new water tower and filtering system.

Upon retirement from Caterpillar, Ron moved to the lake where he enjoys golf, traveling, grandkids and great grandkids. Ron has also served three years as Finance Chairman at St Patrick's Church. Ron served four years on the Finance Committee at the Mother's Shrine. Ron also served two years as Finance Director at the American Legion. He continues to serve in the Honor Guard at the American Legion.

Ron and his wife Mart have been members at RHCC for many years, and both have been Board members in the past. Ron has seen improvements at RHCC during his membership tenure, and would like to participate in the continuing progress and improvement of the Club.

Patrick Rowland

I am a financial advisor and business owner from Stover. My wife and I have 4 children, two of which are current golf team members. I previously worked for RHCC in the 90's, so I am familiar with all the systems that are required to maintain a high quality course. I am running for a board position to help improve the overall golf course from top to bottom.

Wednesday Night Golf and Dinner

Every Wednesday in September. Shotgun Start at 4:30 – 9-Hole Scramble

Cocktails after golf and dinner served at about 6:45

\$12 per person (plus appropriate golf fee)

September 4 – Pork Steaks September 11 – Nachos
September 18 – Pork Roast September – 25 - TBD – Final Night

September Events

- 2nd Labor Day Scramble – Lunch noon / 1:00 shotgun
3rd Elks, Ladies and Men's Leagues – 8:00, 8:30 and 9:00
7th & 8th Lahay Memorial (Ronald McDonald House) – 3 event, play 1, 2 or 3
9th Men
10th Ladies (mixer, meeting and lunch)
14th Maxion Employee Event – 8:30 am
16th Men
17th Ladies
19th VHS Lady Tiger Invitational – 9:00 am
21st Stover Athletics Fundraiser – 1:00 shotgun
22nd *** MOVED *** Skip Huges now OCT 13th ***
23rd Men
24th Ladies
26th Senior Couples – 10:00 am (show up by 9:30)
28th - 29th Laufenberg Club Championship – Noon each day
 Variable entry fee based on year-long participation
 See sign-up sheet in the proshop after 9/1
30th Annual Meeting – 6:00 pm

Please check your carts, bags, cars, dresser, garage

Please return any coolers, range balls, range tokens and cart keys that may have found their way to your car or homes. We are down about 50 tokens, 8 coolers and lets just guess at thousands of range balls. It would be great if they found their way home.

