

Rolling Hills Country Club

October 2024 Newsletter

Upcoming Events at Rolling Hills:

November 2nd – Thanksgiving 1-Club and Dinner

November 13th – Wednesday Night Dinner

November 28th & 29th – Thanksgiving (Club Closed) Black Friday (schedule is TBD)

A Note from Steve:

I usually like to get the October Newsletter out pretty early in the month. But with this amazing weather and so much activity around the club it just did not happen. Every month of 2024 has built on top of last years success. To this point we have not taken any steps back. We continue to grow with more public play and more members. Last year we gained twenty-one members and this year we have gained another Twenty-two members. The amazing thing is we only gained one in the annual pass membership. So, 21 of those 22 new members are Platinum Memberships. I know I can count on the best member in Missouri to welcome our new members and new guests to Rolling Hills and do what you can to make their day great.

On the 14th we had our first board meeting since the Annual Meeting and election. I would like to thank the two Board Members that finished their terms and will be leaving the board. Keith Loethen and Bob Harger were both assets to the board that gave freely of their time, opinions and support. We appreciate all their efforts and hope they enjoy the club they worked hard to support. We welcome Ron Naber and Gene Hirst to the Board as well as Mary Garrison who was re-elected. All three spend many hours at our club and will each offer a unique point of view. I look forward to working with them and the Board as a whole. The Board held their election of officers and elected Bill Holstein to serve as President, Mary Garrison to serve as Vice-President, Cherlyn Eppenauer is the Treasurer and Connie Goetze will serve as Secretary. Congratulations and thank you for agreeing to serve Rolling Hills and its members.

It is that time of year. It is time to close off the fairways. So, starting November 4th we ask that everyone keep carts off the fairways. It is important to the quality of grass next spring, please keep carts off the fairways and remind others to do the same. We will also go to winter rates starting on the 4th.

We have already started some off season work in the clubhouse and on the course. On the course you have seen some large holes. Most of these are where we are replacing valves to our green's irrigation, it is exciting to get some of this work done and we hope it is just the beginning. In the clubhouse we have started to process of moving our food and beverage to the larger area. This will be a fairly long process, but it should be ready by next spring.

Have a great day and I hope to see you on the course,

Steve

Fall Proshop Hours

8:00 am to 5:00 pm October – 9:00am to 4:00pm November
(weather permitting)

Projects for winter of 2024-2025

Irrigation

As everyone knows we will always be working on our irrigation system. Most of the underground portion is 30 to 50 years old, much items above ground are as much as 30 years old and have been repaired or replaced as needed. Knowing that a replacement of the system as a whole would be, just guessing, about \$500,000, it is obvious that we will just have to keep working with what we have and improve where we can. That being said we will try and improve the appearance of our retrofitted stations; we will raise and level some of the heads that have sunken over time and continue to make improvements that will make it better for the maintenance of our greens and turf in general.

Snack Bar

Our food and beverage area consists of the proshop counter (candy, chips and crackers) and the space in front of the Beverage cooler that has the beverage cooler, hot dog spinner, coffee maker and mini-fridge. This cooler is at least 30 years old and is being stressed trying to accommodate the amount of business we have. We have been raising donations to move most of this to the under-utilized room next to the proshop. The goal is to purchase two new beverage coolers and build a counter across the wall that backs up to the proshop. The counter that will hold the coffee maker, hot dog spinner and mini-fridge. Of course, the cabinets and drawers will also provide much needed storage for condiments, forks, spoons, straws, etc. In addition, we will be moving the ice machine out of the kitchen and into this same space next to the coolers. This way customers can fill a cooler and get ice all in one area and not have to go into our kitchen. This will give us more storage space in the kitchen which is much needed. The current space where the cooler and everything is located will be made into storage. The storage space will give us space for all the beer, water and Gatorade. We have had to keep in the hallway of the proshop the past couple years. It is exciting to get this process started, we have raised enough funds to start the process and hopefully that will continue and everything will be done this winter. Thank you to everyone that donated, purchased raffle ticket and showed their support for this improvement.

Proshop Deck

The deck that leads to the proshop, office and bathrooms is in pretty rough shape. We have made repairs over the past several years but now it is time to dig a bit deeper. This winter we will try to remove the decking and address some of the underlying problems that have caused some danger issues. This is another project we are excited to get started and know that it will be a great improvement. Please excuse the mess and sorry it may take a few extra steps to get in the proshop or restrooms while the deck is being repaired.

Trees

This season we have removed quite a few dead trees. This is a process we hope to continue through the winter and for the smaller trees that are away from irrigation and safe for us to remove, we will. Removal of these dead trees not only improves the appearance it also saves time after wind or storms when the falling branches tend to make a mess. We also have a few trees that are causing problems with greens and fairways. The root systems are simply too vast and too close to the greens and take too much water for those areas to have quality turf. Examples of this are 17th green and the left side of 14th fairway. Removal of a few trees and addition of some added soil may make a vast difference in areas like these.

Reminder: Proshop Credits Expire at the end of the Year. Please spend your hard-earned winnings and credits.