2019 Member Letter

Greetings from the Board of Directors of BCC. The following individuals have been selected and agreed to serve our Club and its members for the coming year: Joel Cates, Jason Swafford, Charlene Tuma, Brad Couture, Roger Novak, Chase Larsen, Randy Paugh.

The past year (2018) in many ways was an eventful year to say the least. There were a few highs and several lows. Perhaps the greatest challenge was the break down of our watering system pump and accessories. This was an unexpected expense for the course we were not planning on. Thankfully it has been upgraded at quite a cost and hopefully will serve our needs for many years to come. We appreciate the efforts of Barry Childs in working with Williams Drilling Co. and his efforts as we continue to meet that cost. We want to thank the many members who gave an extra gift to help pay for that large bill.

Through the efforts of many, our course continued to be one of the best in our area of the country. We thank all those who in some way helped to maintain our course and keep it in such great shape. We thank Barry Childs for his over seeing the operations of the course the past several years. Those who helped him, especially Neal Lewis, Barney Novak, Logan Waite. A special thank you to Whit Johnson for all the many hours he spent maintaining our "old" equipment so the mowers, etc. would continue to run. The "old" equipment will continue to be a great challenge in the coming year. Whit has agreed to continue to work his magic. Keep your fingers and toes crossed! As the Board works for the coming year we will keep you informed as to how our club will continue to be maintained? We will be needing your help as well. There will be several times throughout the coming year that we will ask (even beg if needed) for your assistance out on the course.

Speaking of the course we want to thank James and Carol Levendofsky for purchasing the new stools and doors for the bathrooms on #3. They were in bad shape and desperately in need of replacing. Whit, James and Bill Bowen also did the installation as well. The greens were plugged last spring with the help of Mark Gieber, his equipment and several others. Once again, this April we will be scheduling a day to plug the greens again. It is a big job and the more that pitch in, the less time it takes, so we will be asking for your help. Also, as winter breaks and spring begins there will be a lot of clean up on the course to do. The more we do, the less we have to spend to have some else do the work.

As you are well aware of, we have several loans through Astra Bank (both the clubhouse & course) that we desperately need to take care of. As a Board we will be planning something each month to help pay off these notes. A list of potential activities accompanies this letter. Instead of charging for these events, we will be asking for a freewill donation. All monies received for these activities, after expenses, will go directly to the reduction of these loans. Hopefully by year end we will have made a significant dent in each loan balance. As a Board we are committed to keeping our clubhouse open and a viable entity for our social members as well as our golfing members. We will continue to strive to make it work. As always those who volunteer to help with different activities are the ones who make it all work. Thank you in advance!

Finally, you probably have heard or will notice on the enclosed dues statement that we have raised the golf dues by \$50 and the social dues by \$5 per person. We have not raised dues for several years and we as a board had to address the loss of several memberships this year. We figured that the golf increase is about \$4 per month? We trust you will understand and that everyone who has been a member will continue with us in 2019 and that maybe you could encourage someone to join us as a new member. We have a great incentive for new members!

These are just a few of the thoughts we have as we begin a new year at the Belleville Country Club. Please stay involved and be a positive influence in our clubhouse and on the course. Each of you are an important part of our club! May we all do our part so that we may succeed this year and in the future.

Sincerely, BCC Board of Directors