

Bernards Township Golf Advisory Committee
May 17, 2010—6:00 PM
Town Hall, 1 Collyer Lane
APPROVED, July 19, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER

John Meany called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act of 1975. The Commission saluted the flag and the roll was called.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Gene Cass (A7:08pm)
Janet Day, (Alternate 1)
Bill Kreuder, Chair
Alan Lewis
John Meany

Members Absent:

Carolyn Gaziano, TC Member
Doris Ronceray

Non-Members Present:

Jennifer Gander, Director
Kelly Frankle, Recording Secretary
Jack McGrath, Course Manager
Matt Sullivan, Shearon (Course Management)
Tyson Karcher, Shearon (Course Management)

3. WELCOME JACK MCGRATH, GOLF OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR

A. The Golf Advisory Committee Members welcomed Jack McGrath to the Golf Staff.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

B. March 15, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Bill Kreuder to accept the March 15, 2010 minutes. Motion was second by Janet Day as presented. All were in favor. Motion passed.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

A. None

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Course Maintenance Projects – Shearon

(1) Drainage - #6 Fairway, #7 Tee, #9 Fairway & #3 Fairway

- a. #6 is complete
- b. #9 is complete
- c. #7 is not complete
- d. #3 Fairway is complete

- (2) Drainage issues in front of the green on #8
 - a. Has been successfully dredged
- (3) Poison Ivy Vines – On trees along the course
 - a. This has been removed.

7. REPORTS

A. Shearon Report

- (1) Aerated the course and it has recovered well. Course is looking good.
- (2) Need to place out of bounds and lateral hazard markers.

B. Directors Report – Jen Gander

- (1) Membership and Revenue
 - a. Jen Gander gave the committee an update.
 - b. Jen Gander will send press releases regarding the upcoming tournament and mention open memberships to various news sources.
- (2) Spring Newsletter
 - a. The Committee members reviewed the newsletter that was distributed to members, Attachment A.

C. Operations Supervisor's Report – Jack McGrath

- (1) The golf course is in great condition including the fairways and greens.
- (2) The staff have been working on the speed of play, especially on the weekends.
- (3) The staff have been reinforcing golf etiquette with consistency.
- (4) A few members have commented that they feel blue jeans is inappropriate attire and the suggestion was made to change the membership handbook accordingly.
- (5) Many ground hogs have taken residence on the course.
 - a. Shearon will mark and fill in the holes until a more permanent solution can be obtained.

D. Master Plan Sub-Committee Report

- (1) Four projects were discussed and prioritized:
 - a. High Priority
 - i. Bridge Repair/Reconstruction
 - ii. Tee Improvements – Working towards three distances on each hole
 - b. Low Priority – Projects tabled until further notice
 - i. Practice Green
 - ii. Sand Traps

8. NEW BUSINESS.

A. Approval of Trial Opening Hours Change for June

- (1) Committee discussed and no action was taken.

B. Approval of Project Priorities Based on Mater Plan Sub-Committee Report

- (1) Motion made by Bill Kreuder and second by Alan Lewis to approve the proposed projects by the Master Plan Sub-Committee. All were in favor, motion passed.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2010 Tournament Schedule

- (1) The Committee discussed the prizes and upcoming Mayor's Cup.

10. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS

- A. Tyson Karcher discussed having a walk through of the course. Committee feels it would be more effective later in the season once they have decided what they want to do with the tee boxes.
- B. Bill Kreuder would like to get a new practice net for the course. Needs to be anchored due to the recent storms and wind gusts. Would like Shearon to mow the grass inside the net.
- C. Gene Cass suggested getting Coakley-Russo Memorial Golf Course attire as prizes for the tournament winners.
- D. Would like to get repair tools, boxes for seed mix and a Ball Washer for the ladies #7 Tee on the course.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Gene Cass and second by Janet Day to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. All in favor, motion passed.

Submitted by,

Kelly Kellaway

Attachment A Newsletter



Coakley-Russo Memorial Golf Course Membership Newsletter

April 2010

Golf Tournaments

First Tournament of the Season Tournament details and registration information are located at the Golf Starter Hut, beginning May 1.
MAYOR'S CUP
***4-Person Team Scramble**
May 22 (Rain date 23rd)
10:00am shot-gun start
Registration information coming soon!

In addition to the Mayor's Cup we will be hosting 3 additional tournaments for both members and guests. The Club Championship is a members only tournament will require a USGA handicap. You may purchase a USGA Handicap at the golf course.

HOLE IN ONE!!!

Congratulations to Gerry Hothersall from Basking Ridge, for hitting a 170 yard hole in one on the 8th hole. He used a 23 degree Hybrid club and a Top Flight XL Ball.

Guest Hours

Guests are permitted on the course during the following hours:

- Monday to Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm
(June, July and August: extended until 6:00pm)
- Weekends and Holidays after 8:00am to Closing

Minimum Age to Play as a Guest

Minimum age to play as a guest is 10 years old.
Guests under 14 yrs old must play with members 21+ yrs or older.

Register now for our email list!!!

Have you been receiving course closing and other golf communications via email? If not, please email golf@bernards.org with your name, mailing address and email address so we can update our records.

Course Maintenance Update

This season we have welcomed Jack McGrath, Golf Operations Supervisor to our staff at the course. Be sure to stop by and say hello! We are continuing to work on drainage throughout the course this season, with projects scheduled for hole #'s 3, 6, 7 & 9. The Master Plan Sub-Committee of the Golf Advisory Committee will continue to review the need and priority of major capital improvement projects at the course.

Golf Advisory Committee

The mission of the Golf Advisory Committee (GAC) is to offer suggestions and make recommendations that will lead to the development and operation of the finest nine-hole golf facility in New Jersey and assure the membership and their guests a cost effective, courteous, respectful and a pleasant golf experience. The GAC recommended the 2010 membership rates without an increase from 2009.

The GAC is scheduled to meet on the following dates in 2010:
May 17, 2010
July 19, 2010
September 20, 2010
October 18, 2010

If you have a comment or suggestion for the GAC, you may submit your remarks in writing to:
Bernards Township Parks & Recreation, Attn: Golf Advisory Committee
1 Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Player Responsibility

Players and Guests are responsible for any damage they may cause by their hit balls and signing in before play releases Bernards Township from any liability.

Memberships Available!!!

There are currently memberships available for both Bernards Township Residents and Non-Residents in several membership categories. If you know someone who is interested in joining the course, please tell them to call 908-204-3003 or visit our website, www.bernards.org, for more info.

Prepaid Guest Passes

Members can purchase a punch pass good for ten weekday guest rounds in 2010. Passes are available for \$100, a savings of \$30 when compared to normal weekday guest fees. Passes are available to purchase at the Golf Course.

Please Note: There are no refunds for unused passes and they are only good for the 2010 golf season.

Call for a Tee Time

Tee time reservations are recommended especially on weekends or holidays. Call 908-604-2582 and provide the following information: your name, the number of guests you will play with and if you will play 9 or 18 holes. Please arrive 10 minutes prior to your scheduled time. Failure to do so could result in a loss of your tee time.

Remember Your ID Card

It is mandatory that ALL members present their ID card before playing. NO ID CARD, NO GOLF! If you need an ID card you can obtain one at the Recreation Department, located at 1 Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30AM-4:30PM. There will be a \$20 fee to replace a lost card.

Divots and Ball Marks

Please pick up your broken tees, replace your divots and repair your ball marks on the greens. This will insure the long-term health of our golf course. The USGA states that a divot replaced will heal in one week, while a divot not replaced will heal in 6 weeks!! Also a ball mark repaired correctly will heal in 3 days while a ball mark not repaired will heal in 2 weeks!!