



Travelers Country Club On The Mississippi

*A Seasonal Residential
Recreational Community*

Wheels Newsletter – August 2017

President's Report – BOD meeting August 2017

The Board of Directors has approved an expenditure of up to \$7500 to be put toward the building of a 24' x 24' structure that will serve as a dual purpose building. During the time that TCCOM is open, April 15th to October 15th, the building will be used by Give 'n Take. During the off season, the building will be used to store equipment that is used to maintain our park. The building is scheduled to be constructed in 2018.

Effective August 11, 2017, the minimum driving age for golf carts is 15. Drivers must be 15 years old with a valid driver's permit and an adult needs to be in the front seat with the driver.

Sherburne County is now accepting building permits from TCCOM. We have finalized our contract to have a new septic system installed.

Jim Beaudette, President

Park Manager's Report – BOD Meeting August 2017

Thank you for attending today's Board Meeting. Many of you have attended just about every meeting since I've been Park Manager. The Board of Directors and I appreciate the fact that you are interested in what is happening in the Park.

I did get a report about one member who was upset at a Board member because they aren't transparent and do things in secret. Interestingly enough, the topic that member was upset about was discussed in detail at the previous Board Workshop which they could have attended. All Board meetings, less Executive meetings, are open to the membership and are posted on the Office bulletin board and on the Activity Calendar.

Beaudry Oil will be in the Park August 31st and September 1st to fill propane tanks.

Shareholder Packets:

With respect to “what is happening in the Park,” the office has put together an information packet for each lot. Each packet contains the:

- 2017 Bylaws updates.
- 2017 Rules updates.
- Lot line infringement policy.
- And, for those who haven’t picked their Shareholder Information Sheet, their sheet is in this packet plus any other info we may have for you.

Packets are available at the Office during office hours. Please ensure you get your packet soon so your Lot Binder is up to date. Papers for your lot binder are already punched and ready to insert.

Golf Cart Driving Age: (2017 Rules updates)

- A person 15 to 18 with a driver’s license may drive on their own. Drivers over 18, even without a license, may continue to drive on their own.
- As of today, only a person age 15 to 18 with a driver’s learner permit may drive a golf cart in the Park with an adult over 18 or a person with a driver’s license in the passenger’s seat. *(The previous age was 13 without a learner’s permit.)*

80th Ave SE Chip-Seal & Fog Seal:

As soon as I have a schedule from Clear Lake Township, I’ll let you know when they will be sealing the road by our entrance.

Wheels:

Marge Marschel, Lot 904, has done an excellent job this season leading the Communications committee to produce our Wheels publication. As many may know, she and Wayne are selling their TCCOM property. Marge has indicated she will continue to produce Wheels until she sells, however, a new publisher is needed. If interested in learning more about this volunteer position, just let me know.

Water Softeners:

I know it is only August, but just a reminder that prior to leaving the Park for the season, please return your water softener to the Clubhouse.

Blow-Out Compressors:

We have two compressors that can be signed out to blow out your trailers. We will have the sign-up sheets in the Clubhouse around the beginning of September.

Chuck McColgan, Park Manager

Maintenance Report – August 2017

- The water system shutdown will take place this year on October 13th. We are sorry if this conflicts with anyone’s schedule; however, it is the only time we can get all of the rental equipment and

personnel together for this job. Hopefully we won't have any freezing weather before then -- let's keep our fingers crossed.

- The septic system that is being replaced by the #1 green has been approved by the BOD and the project will commence on October 16 of this year. It will take approximately 15 days to complete. During this time, Clubhouse Road will be closed and traffic will be detoured to Golf Road.
- The riverbank trimming project is coming along slowly but surely. My apologies to those involved for it taking so long. However, with so many people participating and it being a very busy time of year for me, it has taken longer than I had anticipated. Nevertheless, we are getting closer to a start date. Currently we are waiting for a bid from a contractor and when it comes in, we will begin collecting monies for the cost of the Sherburne County permit and the contractor. Just to clarify, in our case, it is Sherburne County who represents the DNR for the oversight of our riverbank alteration permits -- i.e. riverbank trimming.
- A new driving net has been ordered and will be installed next spring.
- We are replacing the storm damaged awning at the Activity Building along with the one in front of the clubhouse.
- We have had an incident where someone sprayed what appears to be some type of herbicide on the flowers by the front gate resulting in severe plant damage. We are asking Park Members to **PLEASE DO NOT DO ANYTHING** to a garden area without speaking with the gardener that is volunteering to care of that specific area. Thanks so much for everyone's cooperation with this very important subject!
- If you have usable pavers or retaining block to get rid of or would like to acquire usable pavers or blocks, you can post a notice at the Give & Take bulletin board.
- Amcon block and Knife River (on highway 10) accept old concrete pavers and retaining blocks.

In closing, the Maintenance Department would like thank ALL the volunteers in the park. Also we sure appreciate all the nice compliments that so many people share with us. Thank you so very much!

Marty Abel, Maintenance Manager

Buildings and Grounds Report - August 2017

We have had a few instances where there has been confusion about how lot lines are defined. Some installations are allowed within the two foot area between the

water standpipe and the trailer; these would include heat pumps, tank less water heaters, and propane tanks. Some trailers placed years back are not a full 2' from the standpipe. These trailers are not compliant to our current rules, but are grandfathered in until they are moved or replaced; at that time they must be brought into compliance. Any installations allowed in this space cannot cross the lot line. The line is defined by the water standpipe not the electrical box post. There are a fair amount of existing propane tanks that violate lot lines; most of these tanks have been where they were for years and will not be required to be moved until they are replaced. All new installations in the area between the standpipe and the trailer require a park work permit and need to be compliant with current TCCOM Rules. A policy has been written that will make lot line definitions clearer.

Rick Caouette, Buildings and Grounds Liaison

Safety and Security Report – August 2017

Hello to all owners at TCCOM!

Our Safety and Security Committee met this past August 9th and the following were a few of the discussion points:

A reminder that the **age limit for driving carts in the park, effective August 11th, is 15 years of age** with a driving permit and a licensed adult (if 18 or under) in the cart. Children under the age of 5 may ride on the lap of a driver authorized to drive the cart.

Intersection obstructions (such as overgrown brush, tree limbs, or any other obstructions of view) were reported by a committee volunteer to the Park Manager. The committee has identified that at both ends of Cedar Street, it is difficult to observe oncoming traffic. **We are looking into the possibility of installing convex mirrors that, when stopped, a driver can observe traffic in the mirror coming from both directions.**

A report was made to the committee by the Park Manager on dumping and speeding violations since our last meeting. (There have been violations that the manager has taken up with the BOD and action has been taken on those violations). Speeding vehicles are being timed as they go into and out of the park while crossing over the white lines in front of the welcome building near the dumping area and down the maintenance road. **Owners coming and going into the garbage area to drop off materials need to be protected.....Our maintenance volunteers also need to be protected while coming and going with their equipment each day. Please drive slowly and safely throughout the park, as well as, while coming into and leaving our park.**

Next spring when dues are paid, the office will be handing out TCCOM Identification stickers for your cars. (If you would like to get a jump on picking up your sticker; please stop into the office to pick one up).

Our local fire department will be contacted by a committee volunteer to see if they would mind giving a fire extinguisher demonstration after our Annual Shareholder and Information meeting held each year on the 2nd Saturday in June. Please plan to stay for the demonstration after this meeting. Our fire department's time is very important, and their willingness to perform a demonstration will be greatly appreciated. **(The proper use of putting out various types of fires with different types of fire extinguishers will be demonstrated).**

Finally, please advise your children, grandchildren, and guests, not to go near the edge of the river bank erosion areas! These areas are very, very dangerous and not to be used as a look out to the river. **The river bank has eroded to the point that various ledges have been created. If one steps on one of these ledges and it gives way.....very serious harm or even death may occur. Please do not even attempt to mow near these erosion areas as they are very DANGEROUS! Stay safe.**



Thank you to all for being vigilant in keeping our park safe and secure. If you see something wrong, say something.

Mark Deminsky, Safety and Security Chairman

Golf Committee Report – August 2017

The golf committee has met several times this season. Here are some of the highlights of our work.

The junior golf tournament on August 5th was a huge success. We had 29 golfers participate in the event. The weather cooperated and the kids had a great time. Thank you to all of our volunteers that donated prizes, helped with scoring, and helped with the lunch after the tournament. Here are the top scores from each of the age groups:

Girls 9-10

Brooke Brekke - 1st place - 54
Anneka Voerding - 2nd place - 55

Girls 11-12

Kailey Watson - 1st place - 53
Katie Shanley - 2nd place - 55
Emma Beavers - 3rd place - 56

Girls 16-18

Olivia Gallagher - 1st place - 38
Nickie Gonzalez - 2nd place - 48

Boys 7-8

Sam Anderson - 1st place - 66
Avery Nord - 2nd place - 74

Boys 9

Bode Brekke - 1st place - 49
Owen Beaudette - 2nd place - 53
Ryan Shanley - 3rd place - 72

Boys 11-13

Kyle Watson - 1st place - 34
Jack Cornell - 2nd place - 36
Tyler Coleman - 3rd place - 43

Boys 14-17

Joe Cornell - 1st place - 41 *won on first playoff hole*
Jackson Howard - 2nd place - 41
Spencer Helberg - 3rd place - 43

We have our annual Low Net Championship and Club Championship on August 19th and 20th. This is always a great event within the park and we are looking forward to another great tournament this year.

Our committee has put together a sign outlining guest fees for golf that will be posted at the caddy shack. We have also added some cash payment envelopes in the scorecard box at the caddy shack. These envelopes can be used if a member wants to buy a golf pass for a guest and the office is closed.

We have also had a great deal of discussion about the use of tees on the tee boxes. The signs that said "Use of tee required" were removed at the end of last season. We have many members that are not able to place a tee in the ground due to physical restrictions. While it is not going to be a requirement, we would like to encourage golfers that are physically able to do so to use a tee when hitting a tee shot. It is also important to note that divots are going to be taken even when using a tee. This happens most often with higher lofted clubs like 9 irons, pitching wedges etc...The best thing we can all do to help maintain the tee boxes is to fill divots when we take them. The divots should be filled with the sand and seed mixture, and it is important to fill the entire divot and smooth it out when done.

We have a great practice facility in our park for chipping, putting and hitting into the net. Please make sure that children and grandchildren understand how to responsibly use that area. Better yet, spend some time with the kids at the practice area helping them with their game!

We are always in need of caddy shack and ranger volunteers. The sign-up sheets are on the board at the caddy shack. Thank you to all that have volunteered so far this season!

Finally, the golf committee received a donation from a former park member. The request was to use the money for something golf related. After much discussion, the committee decided that our clubhouse could use some photographs of our golf course. Chad Brown from Twin City Aerial www.twincityaerial.com came out to the park to take some aerial photographs using a drone. We will be selecting one photo of each of the nine holes on the course to print, frame and hang in the clubhouse. The photographs of the golf course, along with some other photos of the park, will be available to all members to order prints or other photo gifts through Snapfish. Please visit www.snapfish.com and use the following to login, username: tccomoffice@gmail.com, password: member11290.

Also watch our Facebook page for videos of the park that were taken using the drone.

Shawn Beaudette, Golf Committee Chair



Horse Drawn Wagon Rides, scheduled for Sunday, August 27th, **have been cancelled**. If you purchased tickets, bring the tickets to the TCCOM office for a refund.

Halloween in August Party

Another great program is planned for "Halloween in August" at TCCOM. A Halloween parade, craft time, and play time (slime, chase the golf ball, kids bingo with prizes, and candy) are planned. The parade will be around the common grounds by the Activity Building, followed by craft and play time. Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 26th, 1:30 – 3:00 PM. Costumes may be worn for the parade; decorated bicycles, wagons, etc are also welcome.

Information contact is Diane Tuchtenhagen at 507-440-7966.



Volunteer Luncheon

Whether you volunteer for an hour or dozens of hours, TCCOM wants to thank you for your contribution to our Park. Volunteerism is what keeps our Park running and the Annual Dues down. So, please join us for a free lunch on Sunday, August 27th, at 12 noon in the Activity Building. A sign-up sheet is on the upper level of the Club House. Please sign up so we have an idea as to how many will attend.

With questions, contact Diane Tuchtenhagen at 507-440-7966.



Chili Cookout

Cook and compete, or just come to eat, Sunday, September 3rd at the Activity Building. Contestants, bring your favorite chili in a large crock pot to the Activity Building by 3:00 PM (no cost to compete).

The chili meal (chili, cornbread, cookies, and beverage) runs from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Meal tickets are now on sale at the Clubhouse office -- \$6.00 each for adults, children 5 and under are free. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door on the day of the event.

Each ticket is good for one vote for your favorite chili. Votes will be counted at 5:30 PM. For more information, contact Colleen Coyle at 612-850-4504, or Effie Saxe at 763-772-6894.



Quilters Coffee

The TCCOM Quilters invite all ladies in the Park for coffee and rolls at the Activity Building on Monday, September 11, at 10:00 AM. For information contact Lori Renelt at 763-350-0690.



TCCOM Church Services

Everyone is invited to TCCOM Church Services at 10:00 AM Sunday mornings at the Activity Building.

- August 27 – Pastor Bruce Talso
- September 3 – Myra Green Gospel Concert with traditional and gospel songs
- September 10 – Pastor Jack Renberg
- This will be the last service of the season. Potluck Brunch to follow service.

See you there!

Ruth Chapman, 763-360-4432



Thank you to all 300 Row members and Special Individuals who worked and donated their time to the **Sundaes on Saturday** event held on July 22. Special thanks to Bobbie Hall for donating the floral arrangements. A **double** special thanks to Ren and Julie Rice for donating an additional half bucket of ice cream at the end of our event. We had a perfect Ice Cream & Root Beer Float day. The Bean Bag tournament was a huge success and we thank everyone who participated and donated their time to this portion of our Sundaes on Saturday. We need co-chairs for the 2018 July Sundaes on Saturday event. We have notes and will gladly assist anyone willing to volunteer for this event. Please contact Pat & Colleen Coyle – Lot #308.

Corn Feed

On behalf of the lower 100 and 200 rows, I would like to thank everyone who came to the corn feed. 274 tickets were sold.

To cook and serve 864 ears of corn, 300 hamburgers, and 40 pounds of onions requires a lot of hard work and requires volunteers for the following tasks:

Create tickets, posters and notices.

Ticket Sellers

Buying groceries and supplies

Pick up corn from farmer

Huskers

Set up tables and chairs

Prepare Onions

Corn Cookers

Burger Grillers

Carriers from outside in

Ticket Takers

Line Servers

Lemonade and Coffee Servers

Corn Runners

Cob Pick up

Table Tenders

Ice Cream Runners

50/50 Sales

Announcer

Clean Up

It's incredible the amount of work they put in and amazing how efficient and dependable they are. I want them to know that I have received many compliments about how good the food was and what a wonderful job they have done. I'm so proud of our group and so grateful to them for making it such a great success.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Sharon Hansen, Lot 110

P.S. Can't wait 'til next year.

Ladies Luncheon

The ladies luncheon was a huge success with 90 attendees and an abundance of delicious salads and desserts. Thanks go out to all the ladies that prepared the food. A special thank you to our models that enhanced their attire and gave us many laughs throughout the style show. Our local models were Jan Bishop, Sally Gustafson, Karen Sullivan, Phyllis Roalstad, Lola Sheppard, Diane Bellmore, Barb Chock and Cami Dirnberger. The added entertainment by Darlene Chapman and Marlys Henson with music by Tom Malchow was a special plus. Thank you, Dick Picken, for doing our audio. Lucy Eisen and Kay Shafer are so very pleased with the entire event and thank each one of you.

Lucy Eisen and Kay Shafer



Help TCCOM increase its Internet presence! – Part 1

(Part 2 will be in next month's issue.)

If you have a Gmail address, or a guest who has visited you who has a Gmail address, you can leave a review on Travelers Country Club on the Mississippi's Google business website.

While you are logged onto your Gmail account, follow these instructions: (Note: These instructions are based on using the Google Chrome browser on your

computer. If you are using a different browser or using a mobile device, the concept is the same but the navigation may be slightly different.)

1. Open Google Maps. (*Click on the icon of 9 little boxes in the upper right corner of the screen.*) Make sure you're signed in to your Google account.
2. In the "Search Google Maps" block – upper left corner – search for Traveler's Country Club on Mississippi.
3. In the block that appears on the left for TCCOM, scroll down to just below the Review Summary "bars" and click on write a review.
4. In the window that appears, click the stars to score TCCOM. (*You must do this before writing a review.*) Then, if you want, write a review in the area just below the stars where it says "Share details of your own experience at this place".

Thank you for being a part of helping TCCOM increase its presence on the Internet.

Marketing Committee

Editor's Note:

It's hard to believe another season is winding down at TCCOM. What a busy summer it has been, and it's not over yet. Next year is shaping up to be just as busy with all the activities planned for the 40 year anniversary celebration, along with the usual calendar of events.

There will be one more edition of **Wheels** in September before we all head off for the winter months, and in it I'd like to use some of your favorite photos from the past year. Articles for the next edition, as well as pictures, should be sent to travelerswheels@gmail.com. The deadline for submissions is the Wednesday after the Board meeting (2nd Saturday of the month). Deadline date for September is Wednesday, September 13th. Electronic submission is preferred, or articles may be left in the Wheels box in the upper level of the Club House. If you have any questions, call Marge or Wayne at 320-333-8094.