



July, 2016



Travelers Country Club
On The Mississippi

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President’s Report

The Park had one of its annual inspections done on June 13, 2016 by the State of Minnesota Department of Health. This inspection verified the proper amount of chemicals are being used in the pool. The pool log book is checked and the pool area is also checked for safety such as proper railings, ladders and lifesaving equipment. The inspector also drives the park checking the 10 foot rule and that units have the proper back flow valves. Everything that was checked passed with flying colors. Thank you all staff members. The report is posted on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse for anyone that may want to see it.

Chuck McColgan. brought back some ideas from Carefree South he thought worked well and might be implemented here at TCCOM. I asked Barb and Ron Chock who have been long time members at Carefree South to review the ideas with myself and Rick Soderstrom. They graciously gave us almost two hours of their time, and we all agreed some demographic differences would make some of the ideas not work at TCCOM, but some should certainly be considered. They will not happen this year, but hopefully next year.

And now I just want to talk a bit about rules. In the past I have asked that rules infractions not be a big part of our Board meetings, since the people who break the rules generally do not attend the meetings. This does not mean the rules won’t be enforced. The Board is committed to stand behind Chuck when he is enforcing the rules we as members made. I do want to reiterate how difficult it can be for both the Board and Chuck at times. We want to keep this Park the beautiful, safe and happy place it has been for many years. And, in order to do that, people are going to be angry and upset when certain rules are enforced. Please try and understand our positions.

Respectfully,
Diana Martell

Park Manager Report

What a great 4th of July weekend! We had a lot of

fun, great weather, and no major incidents. Congratulations to you all and your guests.

Lot 601 Update:

The Lot 601 Sheriff’s Sale went extremely well. TCCOM received all monies owed by the previous owner.

If you haven’t heard, Kelly and Justine Fisher, Lot 814, were the top bidders and wasted no time cleaning the place up. Congratulations to the Fishers!

The turnout at this sale by both bidders and spectators is a testament to you, the members, and the Park as a whole. Both Sheriffs in attendance and our own attorney were blown away by the turnout and bidding. They had never seen anything like it before in their careers. Congratulations to you all!

Is Your Golf Cart in for Repair?

Throughout the season, members have a company like Gresser pick up their cart for repair and lend them a replacement cart until the work is done. As a result, members are driving carts without lot numbers. This causes some members to “remind them” they don’t have numbers on their cart and/or report it to me.

Therefore, the Office has put together some signs you can put on the front and back of the loaner cart indicating this is a “Rental”. *(I decided members driving around with the word “Loaner” on their cart may cause a lot of ribbing.)*

If you have a loaner, please pick up the “Rental” signs at the Office so all can avoid the confusion.

If you don’t have 3” reflective numbers front and back on your cart so they are visible (not behind your golf clubs), we have numbers at the office.

Residential Lot Line Policy:

Approved by the BOD on 7/1/16 and affirmed at the Board Meeting on 7/9/16, it is now available on our website, Member Login tab; Park Communications drop down, under Building & Grounds documents.

Moss on Trailers:

Thank you to a member who was willing to come forward and let me know there is a concern of “overreach” of the Rules and why I was informing members about moss on their roof.

First off, please refer to your Rules & Regulations, Section 1 Member Responsibilities. In order to acclimate the membership to this Rule, even though it has been there ever since I’ve been Park Manager, I started several years ago focusing first on residential lawns. Then I included trailers and MN Rooms. Then I added sheds. And now I’m including the roofs.

For most members, if you received an email or phone call, it is merely an FYI (For Your Information -- see paragraph below). For a few, moss and debris has accumulated on the roof for so long it is unsightly and takes away from the beauty of the Park for members and guests. Even though no one may have said anything for 30 years, it is time to take care of it. If you want a good before and after comparison, just swing by Lot 601 and see what the Fishers have done.

By the way, I caught up with Warren Wise one day while he and Lance were cleaning moss off a roof. Warren indicated it would be OK for you to call him with respect to moss that may be growing on your roof. He said he’d be glad to update you on the expense of a roof damaged by moss growth versus the minimal cost (in comparison) to eliminate the problem early. Thanks, Warren.

Tree Limbs:

Another concern shared by the same member mentioned above is the confusion over the “tree limb inventory” being done by some of the Safety and Security committee volunteers. This is by my request. They are not looking at trees on residential “lots” as a whole. Rather, they are looking for dead branches and safety issues. (Again, please refer to your Rules & Regulations, Section 1 Member Responsibilities, and Section 16 Tree Policy.) After all, should you, as a member of TCCOM have to pay for someone else not taking care of their property? Isn’t it that member’s responsibility and expense – not yours?

Beaudry Oil & Propane Program:

I have forwarded the sign-up sheets received to date to Beaudry. If you’d like to be included in their refill

program twice a year (as outlined in the June Wheels), we still have the sign-up sheet out until the end of July, 2016.

Additional Bulletin Boards:

The two outside bulletin boards on the mailboxes are back up. The top one is for out-of-park events (not advertising) and in-park events, the lower one is for in-park events only. Please see the office for posting on these bulletin boards. The in-park event posting will follow the same rule as posters on the lattice work. Events can be posted 1 week prior to the event to ensure room for all upcoming activities.

Palmer Wireless:

Palmer has been busy this past month investing in the Wi-Fi infrastructure at TCCOM by installing additional antennas. At this point almost all areas of the Park are covered.

Clubhouse Entry for Handicap:

FYI. If you have difficulty coming in the main entrance to the Clubhouse due to the steps, there are ramps for easier access at the East end of the building - upper level.

Glass by Recycle Dumpster:

It has been reported that a number of times there has been broken glass in the parking lot by the Recycle dumpster – and not just on the day trash is emptied. Please ensure if you are disposing of glass that it makes it intact into the dumpster. Broken glass creates an obvious safety issue. Thank you.

Garden Plots 2017:

We are ready to take reservations at the Office for the 2017 season for garden plots. The plots are approximately 7’ X 16’ and are located in the NW corner of the Clear Lake Township Park near our dumpsters. This season we had 21 reservations. We may be able to take a few more in 2017.

Erken’s Water Softeners 2017:

We are ready to take reservations at the Office for the 2017 season for Erken’s water softeners. As before, water softeners are picked up at and returned to the Clubhouse. The cost was \$98 in 2016 and is unknown at this time for 2017.

Winter Golf Cart Storage 2016/17:

If you would like to store your golf cart(s) in the Activity Building this winter, we will be ready to take

reservations at the Office starting August 1st. (Reservations require checks or cash.) This is unheated enclosed winter storage. Carts are picked up from your lot at the end of the season and returned to your lot just prior to the Park opening (weather permitting). When you leave the Park for the season and have no more need for your Golf Cart(s), please leave the key(s) at the Office and we will know you are ready for us to put your cart in the Activity Building. We can store 34 golf carts. Pricing is as follows:

- One bench seat -- \$65.00
- Two bench seats -- \$70.00

Chuck McColgan

Personnel/Nominating Committee Report

Two (2) Board Of Director positions will end their term in 2016. They are Diana Martell and Dennis Oberloh. Thank you for your dedicated services to the Board!

The Personnel/Nominating Committee's chairperson as per the TCCOM By-laws, Article VI, Section 1, C-G, offered two (2) nominations (candidates) to the BOD. The new candidates are Dennis Oberloh (Lot 223) and Duffy Hansen (Lot 110). The Personnel/Nominating Committee's chairperson also invited nominations from the floor as per the By-laws at the meeting on July 9, 2016. With no further nominations from the floor, a motion was made to close the nominations and was approved by the BOD. As per the By-laws, Article VI, Section 1, G, the new candidates listed above were then elected to the 2017 BOD.

Thank you to the newly elected BOD members that came forward to volunteer their time and hard work!

Duffy Hansen

I was born in Yankton, South Dakota. My family moved to the south suburbs of Chicago, where I was raised with my four brothers. I attended St. Thomas College in St. Paul and stayed in the Twin Cities after graduating in 1968. I worked briefly for the state of Minnesota where I met my wife Sharon. We have two kids and eight grandkids.

Over the next several years, I managed the parts departments for some major Twin Cities auto dealers. In the late 90's I attended Hamline University's education program and received my teaching license. I then taught 3rd and 4th grade at Jackson Magnet Ele-

mentary in the Frogtown area of St Paul until my retirement in 2009.

Sharon and I spend the winter months in Mesa, Arizona where we host the Minnesota/Arizona pot luck for all our TCCOM friends in that area.

We bought Lot 110 four years ago and our only regret is not finding TCCOM sooner. We love all the events and activities, and now organize the annual corn feed.

I have come to realize that the thing that really makes our Park stand out is the spirit of helpful co-operation among our members. I hope as a future board member I will be able to serve with that same spirit. Thank you to all for your past encouragement and support.

Horse Drawn Wagon Rides

The activity committee has booked a horse drawn wagon ride for the afternoon of Sunday, August 28. Diamond K Percherons owned by Mel Klein of Clearwater will be giving 20 minute rides in TCCOM. The rides are for all ages. Mel's wagon has a low step, so it will be easy for anyone to get on. Tickets will be for sale at the July 9 and August 13 board meeting. They will be \$4.00 per person and children 5 and under will be free. Children under 13 should be accompanied by an adult. This event will be in conjunction with the annual Halloween party.

Theresa Oberloh

TCCOM ANNUAL

Craft & Bake Sale

Saturday July 30th, 2016

9:00 to 12 noon

Activity Building

Traveler's Country Club on the Mississippi

11290 80th Ave SE

Clear Lake, MN

Vendors

Arts & Crafts

Baked Goods

Quilt Raffle

Coffee & Treats for Sale!

Please bring your donations for the Bake Sale to the Activity Building at 8:00am on July 30th.

Baked goods, Jams and Jellies, Pies, Candies, Cakes, Muffins, Cookies or Rolls (whatever you like to bake)

Contact: Betty Duttonhefer at gbdutt@charter.net or call 701-260-3888, Lot #313

Table cost: \$5.00 Call to reserve your space! I will need volunteers to help set up on Friday at 6:00 pm and volunteers to take down at noon on Saturday.

Stitch and Weave group news

The Stitch and Weave group meets every Tuesday from 1:00 to 3:00pm in the Activity Building. They do Swedish weaving, others do crocheting, knitting, counted cross stitching, etc. It is a social group that enjoys spending two hours with others in the Park with similar interests.

We enjoy people stopping in to see what we are working on. If you have not done Swedish weaving in the past, there are a number of us that can advise you as to how to get started. Any questions contact Lucy Eisen, Lot 303; phone 320-339-3988 or Kay Shafer, Lot 251; phone 320-684-1853.

Thank You

I want to thank everyone who sent sympathy cards to me and my family when Ernie passed away. Your kindness and support have been greatly appreciated. Unfortunately, Ernie suffered a great deal in his last months on earth so we take some comfort knowing he is no longer suffering. Ernie loved his summers at Travelers and all of the great friends he had. He so loved attending the Twins game our grandson got free tickets for the family, and especially the grand way we rode to the game because of so many of his friends at Travelers and the Post Office. He always said that was one of the best days of his life.

It is hard being here without him, but so many of you have reached out to give me support, for which I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Bonni Saice, Lot 216

Sundae's on Saturday thank you

The "Sundae's On Saturday" event committee wishes to thank all who volunteered to make Saturday, July 9, 2016 successful. Coborn's in Clearwater donated the ice cream which will contribute more dollars to improvements in the Park. The 50/50 Raffle and Bean Bag Tournament were big hits with many talented participants of all ages. A special surprise was a concert by the Back Porch Band who played for the entire time of our event. We thank them for their special concert. We also want to acknowledge the special assistance of

our TCCOM Office staff who contributed to the communication of our event. Thank you to all who donated their hard work, time, flowers and talents!

Colleen and Patrick Coyle, Lot 308

Give 'n Take News

Beginning July 20th we are changing hours in order to avoid the heat of the noontime sun. We will still be open on Wednesdays and Saturdays but the new hours will be 9:00 - 11:00am.

Due to space limitations in our small shed we will no longer be able to accept the following items:

- Microwave or toaster ovens
- TV'S
- Telephones
- Other electronics and cords
- Clothing and shoes
- Furniture
- Patio umbrellas
- Oils or chemicals
- Gasoline containers
- Large items

We have been so excited at the success and growth of Give 'n Take! Please continue to bring your clean, gently used items to re-use and re-cycle!

And many thanks to all who have made purchases for our fund-raisers, and to those who have been generous with donations. Our hope is to raise enough money for a new, bigger building without asking the Park to contribute. Our building fund already has more than \$1000 in it!

We will also be starting to get other volunteers involved on Wednesdays and Saturdays to keep Give 'n Take sustainable in the future. Thank you again!

Diane Caouette
Mary Greve

Annual Corn Feed

Saturday, August 13th, 5:00 - 6:30 pm.

We will be serving best ever hamburgers, all you can eat corn on the cob and ice cream sandwiches. This year for your listening pleasure, we will have Dick Pickens and his Music Jam group entertaining us while we dine. Tickets are \$8.00, children 5 and under are free. This event is put on by the lower 100 and 200 rows. There will be a short meeting at the Clubhouse on August 6th at 3:30 pm for all owners on the lower 100 and 200 rows. This event requires lots of volun-

teers to be successful so I hope to see all of the new owners as well as the many regulars that so willingly help with this event. There will be sign-up sheets for jobs at the meeting.

Ticket sales will be limited to 275. Last year we had to turn some folks away at the door and for sure we don't want that to happen again. Any unsold tickets will be available at the door. Tickets will be sold at the Clubhouse office and at Lot 110. Please buy your tickets early so we can better determine how much corn to purchase.

Hope to see all on August 13th for a great meal and a wonderful time.

Chairpersons: Duffy and Sharon Hansen, Lot 110

TCCOM Directory:

The online version of the Alphabetical and by Lot Number sections of our directory was updated July 10, 2016. It is available under the Member Login tab, Park Communications.

Hole-In-One contest

On July 2nd TCCOM'S annual hole-in-one contest was held from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. What a great social event to see golf carts lined up all day along the fairway on hole # 8 enjoying tacos in-a-bag while watching all kinds of golf swings. To qualify men had to be inside a 15 foot circle and women/juniors inside a 30 foot circle. Of the two hundred twenty-eight participants, 12 men, 5 women and 5 juniors qualified. There was no hole-in-one for the year 2016. The results for prize money are as follows:

Men		Lot
1 st	Jason Wermer	257
2 nd	Blake Kolb	336
3 rd	Shawn Rio	243
4 th	Jack Shafer	251
5 th	Harlan Daman	905

Women

1 st	Sharon Hansen	110
2 nd	Vicky Kolb	336
3 rd	Effie Saxe	305

Juniors

1 st	Joe Cornell	302
2 nd	Keenan Davis	205
3 rd	Jack Cornell	302
4 th	Kyle Watron	331

Congratulations and thanks to all participants and winners. As always, this event could not be done without all the volunteers. Thank you for a job well done.

Doug Johnson
Chairman

Thank you . . .

. . . To those who do not put organic material like leaves and dead flowers in Household Dumpsters — they go in the leaf pile by the lattice work.

. . . And to those who do place scrap metal and electronics in the respective trailers in Outside Storage versus the Household Dumpsters.

