



# Travelers Country Club On The Mississippi

*A Seasonal Residential  
Recreational Community*

## **Wheels Newsletter – June 2017**

### **Highlights from President's Report – 2017 Annual Shareholder's Meeting**

Jim Beaudette welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all the volunteers, and volunteers to be, for their efforts in making the Park a huge success. He reminded everyone about safety, especially with golf carts, and emphasized the 10mph speed limit within the Park.

Jim also spoke about the importance of being a good neighbor, to other members, on the golf course, at the pool, in the Activity Building, Club House, and common grounds. He asked that members please make sure that their guests visiting in the Park do the same.

In the last four years there have been 90 new members at TCCOM. Jim asked that new members present at the meeting stand and he urged them to consider volunteering for one of the ten standing committees.

Jim Beaudette, President

### **Park Manager's Report – 2017 Annual Shareholder's Meeting**

Welcome back to TCCOM for another great season. For those who arrived early on April 15<sup>th</sup>, Marty had the course ready for golf, the Park looked great and the Office was ready to welcome you back! Well, we did have a lot of rain and below normal temps for the next two weeks but other than that it was great.

And please welcome our new Office Assistant, Shirley Hansen, who resides at Lot #902. She joins JaniRae Wern, our Office Administrator, and Diane Alred, our other Office Assistant.

### **What's with the survey stakes in the Clear Lake Township Park?**

In 4 to 5 years Clear Lake Township would like to build a new township hall by the park parking lot and dog park (east of our practice green near the 7<sup>th</sup> Tee). The first step is to carve 5 acres out of the 39 acre park for the building and then re-zone those 5 acres.

## Palmer Wireless

Unfortunately, I have no new information pertaining to a Dish/Palmer Wireless package or when the entire park will be wired with fiber optic cable.

## Suggestions/Complaints

If you have a suggestion or complaint, please put it in writing for the appropriate person/committee to act upon it. Only written & signed suggestions/complaints (unless an emergency) are actionable.

## TCCOM Logo apparel is available two ways

- At the Office by ordering through JaniRae or at Board Meetings, or
- At our website through Queensboro Logo Apparel (*member tab, park communications dropdown link*).

## Do you play Bocce Ball?

I need some pictures of members playing Bocce Ball on our lawn Bocce Ball courts for our web page. If you have some digital pictures to share, please email them to me. Also, if you'd like to write some copy for our web page that would be great. Thanks.



- Most current TCCOM Directory is online, Member tab, Park Communications drop down link. I will update it in July. (*Along with a lot of other TCCOM documents.*)
- Empty spaces in Outside Storage are not for guest parking. No cars, trucks or motorcycles are to be parked in outside storage. Guest parking on common grounds is OK.
- Most everyone enjoys a nice campfire. What some members and guests can't tolerate (for health reasons) is smoke. Please -- do not burn wet wood and, as you know per your Rules, there is no burning of leaves, trash, etc.
- New signage at the Construction dumpster and Scrap Metal and Electronics trailers with prices for disposal of typical items.
- No leaves, garden refuse or branches in household dumpsters. Please deposit in the respective leaf pile or burn pile.
- Off Season Bulk Emails are posted on Office Bulletin Board. If you haven't been receiving these emails, please:
  1. Check you Spam folder. Email providers often change their security protocols and, as a result, emails you used to get now go to the Spam folder.
  2. Ensure the Office has your current email address.

3. Let the Office know you aren't getting the bulk emails if you didn't find them in your Spam folder and we have your correct email address.
- Because of our septic system, please use liquid, not powder laundry detergent in the washing machines.

### **Neighbors helping Neighbors**

When I first came to TCCOM any time there was a big storm that blew down a lot of leaves I noticed the next day (if not within hours after the storm) members just "came out of the woodwork" to help clean up the golf course, pool area and common grounds in general. It seems this tradition has faded with the volume of new members (not familiar with the tradition) and the aging of our older members. If anyone has a suggestion as to how we can revive this tradition that would be great! I know Marty would appreciate the help -- especially when the storm comes thru on a weekend. Thanks.

### **July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks**

Just a reminder, TCCOM does not allow fireworks (this includes sparklers, firecrackers, etc.) in the Park for safety reasons – please see your Rules. There are a number of fireworks displays in the area you can attend. As the saying goes, "if you see something, say something". Please let the office know or call my cell phone: 612-618-2678 if you see a problem. Thank you.

Chuck McColgan, Park Manager

### **Maintenance Manager's Report – 2017 Annual Shareholder's Meeting**

Welcome back to TCCOM. Glad to see everyone.

First off I'd like to thank our President and Directors for all their efforts in dealing with the challenging issues that arise here at the Park. Also I'd like to thank all the Committee members and individuals that spend countless hours giving back to our community.

Last fall TCCOM received a letter from Sherburne County informing us of a new compliance mandate for our septic systems. This new mandate requires us to have all twenty two of our septic systems pass a compliance inspection prior to any new building permits being issued. We started that process last fall and after completing the inspections, we have one system that did not pass. The septic system contractor is now in the process of designing a replacement system that will meet the new compliance standards and the project will commence as soon as the design is approved by the County Officials. It's too early to predict a date of completion and as soon as we find out, I will notify the office. After speaking with the contractor regularly for the past few months, they thought it might be done as soon as the beginning part of July. We will post a notice at the clubhouse when this project is complete. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused you. However, we were not given any advance notification from the County.

Mosquito season is here and an article describing the Park's mosquito spraying protocol is posted at the clubhouse. Based on the Minnesota Department of Agriculture regulations, we must follow their guidelines as to when and how often we can spray.

The golf course is looking great this year thanks to all the hired help and volunteers who spend countless hours to maintain and make it as nice as it is. The golf committee continues to meet and discuss ways to improve our course. Thanks to all of you! **Just a couple of reminders...** It's a Park rule to start your golf game at the 1st tee. It is the golfer's responsibility to replace or fill your divots, repair your ball marks and pick up your broken tees. Please remind your guests. As it stands, the rule for the use of a tee is not mandated. The reason I mention this is that I've had many comments on this topic.

The added portion of the 4th tee box will be opened up as soon as the grass is ready for play. Also I would like to express my concern pertaining to golf etiquette, particularly as it involves golf course employees. When a maintenance member is on the tee box, fairway or green, we will try our best to finish our job or "section of mowing" etc., as quickly as possible. We, as much as anyone, realize the importance of keeping the "speed of play" as fast as possible, as to not keep anyone waiting. **Please do not tee off at any golfer or maintenance worker!**

The leaf clean up that is being done by Clean Cut Lawn Care is proving to be a great success with extremely few problems considering the monumental task at hand. The vendor has promised to report any possible property damage directly to me so I can notify members personally. I met with them last fall and they have a suggestion for the members and that would be to use larger and heavier landscape rock rather than light materials like wood chips or lava rock for their landscaping needs. They explained to me that they try very hard not to blow away or mess-up the landscaped areas on member lots but, with the larger blowers they use, it is not possible to clean up all the leaves without disturbing the lighter landscape materials. Their recommendation is to use materials such as buff limestone, brine rock, granite, larger river rock, rip-rap or... solid gold depending on your budget. Stay away from things like pea gravel wood chips or shredded wood.

The Minnesota Department of Health was here this spring for our annual well water inspection. We passed all test results with no problems. The final report is posted in the Clubhouse.

The pool is open and functioning very well. We passed our annual Minnesota Department of Health inspection with flying colors. In fact we were commended on how neat, clean and well taken care of not only our pool is but, **the entire Park.** Again, many thanks to all who are involved with these efforts. We are looking for volunteers to close the pool in the evening at dusk. We have scheduled it in one week intervals from Tuesday thru Monday. Please stop by the office to sign up. And lastly, in case you haven't noticed, there is a new added patio outside the pool. Because food is not allowed in the swimming area, we've added a picnic table to this area. Also we have placed the bike rack in there.

The Maintenance department is in the process of a tree injection program that includes Ash trees for the prevention of Emerald Ash Borers and Oak trees for Burr Oak Blight. We are treating select trees around the park (some marked with orange tape) in areas including the golf course, common ground and on residential lots.

Thank you all and have an enjoyable season.

Marty Abel, Maintenance and Golf Course Manager

### **Burn Pile Notes**

Who doesn't enjoy watching a controlled burn? Dale and Ted put on a great show on June 1<sup>st</sup> when they burned the Burn Pile, located just north of Lot #442.

However, the operative word is controlled. We've noticed some members dumping ashes in the burn pile (versus a minimum of 3 feet from the burn pile) and in the woods. Both of which can ignite unexpectedly no matter how much you believe the ashes are out.

Also, some members are dumping contaminated dirt (dirt with gravel or sod) by (or in) the Burn Pile. Clean fill dirt can be deposited on the west side of the road to the Burn Pile. Contaminated dirt must be removed from the Park.

And finally, the Burn Pile is for branches only per the sign. The DNR does not allow us (or anyone at their residence) to burn treated, painted, glued, etc. lumber (that goes in the construction dumpster and is paid for at the office), trash (goes in respective dumpster) or leaves (goes in temporary leaf pile).

Thank you.

Marty Abel and Chuck McColgan



### **Activity Committee Report**

The upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday and the weekend before promises many fun activities for all park members and guests.

### **Hole-in-One-Contest**

The annual Hole-in-One contest will be held on Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, from 11AM until 4PM at the #8 tee box. Prizes are awarded in three categories: Men's, Women's and Junior's 12 and under for closest to the pin or holes in one. To qualify, men need to be inside a 15' circle, women and juniors need to be inside a 30' circle. Golf balls are 3 for \$1 or 6 for \$2. Bring your own clubs of choice. Come join the fun. For further information, contact John Boehme at 612-845-7491.

While waiting to tee off, or just being a spectator, pick up a **Taco-in-a-Bag** at the taco stand located by the lattice work near the 8<sup>th</sup> hole. Tacos will be available for sale from 11:00am to 3:00pm.

- 1 taco and bottle of water - \$3.00
- 2 tacos and bottle of water - \$5.00
- Cookies or Chips - .50
- Soda - \$1.00
- Beer - \$2.00

For more information call Sue Wolf at 763-245-9527.

The annual **4<sup>th</sup> of July golf cart parade** will be at 11:00am on the Fourth.

Following the parade, the **Annual Carnival** kicks off at 12:00 noon, running until 2:30pm. Children's games will be twenty-five cents. Also available for sale will be brats, hot dogs, chips, cookies, and beverages. If you would like to help with the games, or donate prizes, please contact Theresa Oberloh at 507-640-0145, or see her at Lot #223. Help is also needed at the food concession; contact Twila Blackowiak at 952-200-3034 to assist with serving food.

### **Scavenger Hunt**

Over the Memorial Day weekend, 35 kids participated in a scavenger hunt and obstacle course activity. Thanks to Tammy Rangel and Phyllis Roalstad for planning this great event.

Theresa Oberloh, Activities Chairperson

### **Personnel/Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee is at this time looking for qualified candidates who may be interested in serving on the TCCOM Board of Directors. The Directors are elected for a 3 year term and must submit their names prior to the July BOD meeting.

Anyone who is interested or has any questions, please contact Diana Martell at [480-280-0215](tel:480-280-0215) or Jim Beaudette at [623--866-2681](tel:623-866-2681).

Diana Martell, Chairperson



## **Other News Around the Park**

### **Summer Church**

Everyone is invited to Summer Church at 10:00am Sunday mornings at the Activity Building.

- June 25 – Gordy Alex will preach with special music by Tom Malchow
- July 2 – Pastor Jack Renberg with Holy Communion, and special music by Darlene Chapman
- July 9 – Kim Norlien, local artist, will share his testimony and display artwork

Ruth Chapman, TCCOM Summer Church Coordinator

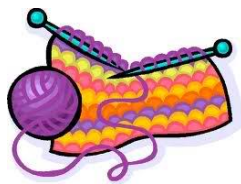
## Let's Be Social

### **Singles and Solos**

The Singles and Solos group meets every Monday afternoon at 4:00 pm on the Clubhouse deck. Please bring a finger food to share and your own beverage. For more information, stop by Lot #267.

### **Ladies: Save the Date**

Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, **Ladies Luncheon and Style Show**. Details to follow. Contact Lucy Eisen at 320-339-3988, or Kay Shafer at 352-616-9886.



### **Stitch and Weave**

Just a reminder that the Stitch and Weave group meets at the Activity Building on Tuesday afternoons at 1:00pm. Join them to do your knitting, cross stitch, Swedish weaving, any other handwork, or just come to visit. Any questions call Lucy Eisen at 320-339-3988, or Kay Shafer at 352-616-9886.



### **50's – 60's Dance**

Ok gals, drag out those poodle skirts, and guys, roll up your jeans, and get ready to "Rock N' Roll" at the 50's-60's dance on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at the Activity Building. This is a MONEY RAISER for Give N' Take so even if you don't dance the jitterbug come and watch while enjoying the music. Tickets are \$5 per couple or \$7 per family. The dance will be from 7:00pm to 9:00pm and it is BYOB. There will be soda, assorted chip snacks, ice cream, and water for sale at the dance. No presale tickets –pay at the door when you come. All ages welcome. Let's make this a great MONEY MAKER for Give N' Take and have fun at the same time. Call Phyllis Roalstad at 651-357-4969 if you have questions.

### **Did You Know?**

TCCOM was originally incorporated in 1977 by John Olson, Harry Osvold, and Dan Person; 299 lot sites were laid out the following year, and were completely sold out by October 1979. The annual fee was \$190 a year and included electricity and taxes. At the general membership meeting on May 3, 1980, the first board of directors was installed and ownership was transferred to the members. Notes from the history of the park indicate 273 bottles of champagne were consumed at the celebratory luncheon following the meeting! More information about the beginnings of our park can be found at the website, [www.travelersconmiss.com](http://www.travelersconmiss.com).

To celebrate this milestone, plans are underway for a party to mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our park. Theresa Oberloh is heading up the celebration and more information will be announced as the season progresses.

### **Social Media**

Have you checked our Facebook page? "Like" us on Facebook and get all the latest news and pictures about members and activities around the park. If you have information about an event or pictures to share, contact Teresa Beaudette at [tmbeaudette@gmail.com](mailto:tmbeaudette@gmail.com) or 612-578-9156. The website for the park is found at [www.travelersconmiss.com](http://www.travelersconmiss.com). Don't miss the wealth of information that can be found there.





Thank you to all who contributed to this edition of the Wheels. We are on the lookout for articles of interest to TCCOM members. We'd like to feature stories about our members, interesting activities in the area, or even your favorite recipe. The deadline to submit information is the Wednesday following the monthly Board meeting (2nd Saturday). Information for the next edition is due by July 12th. Articles may be sent to **[travelerswheels@gmail.com](mailto:travelerswheels@gmail.com)**, or you can leave information in the Wheels box at the Clubhouse. Please include your name and phone number should there be any questions about your article. If you have any questions about submissions, call Marge or Wayne Marschel at 320-333-8094.

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