

To the members,

We hope this letter finds you well and welcome to the 2024 golf season. Spring is right around the corner, and we are excited for another season of fun. With the slow start to winter, we hope it doesn't drag into spring and delay our plans for what is sure to be a great summer.

Our 2023 season was busy with outings, league play, fundraising, junior golf, pool activities, live music and so much more. Thanks go out to our members and their guests who continue to enjoy what we offer. We take pride in the conditions we offer both on the course and inside the clubhouse. Without you, the members, we couldn't do what we do! We are very appreciative to you all as we strive to keep improving our product for your enjoyment. With that said, the rising costs of doing business continue to present challenges almost daily. Inflation has been running at around 5% lately and although it's down from a high of 9% it is still something we have to keep an eye on to adjust our pricing accordingly. As always, we try to keep it to a minimum.

Congratulations goes out to all of our 2023 raffle winners. Gary Raspor for the Early Buy-in, Bruce Wallace for the Opening party raffle winner. Judy LaFleur for the membership appreciation party raffle winner and Carla Noel for the Closing Party winner.

Wow, It pays to be a member!!

Our Delta County Junior program once again set new records. Up to 119 kids were in attendance for the summer's lessons and junior tournaments. It is a great program for the kids. Our teacher Rob Robinson comes back every year to provide the kids with great instruction in a fun setting. Games are incorporated into the lesson program to make it more interesting and fun!! A great way for the kids to learn the game and be social and competitive in nature. Great job and thanks to all who volunteer for scoring on a weekly basis. Without the volunteers, the program would not be as successful as it is today... Thanks, again.

Our league participation was up on Tuesday and Wednesday to near capacity last summer. The weather was great, and the format helps to make it fun as well as competitive. Monday has room to grow for the men and it's a great format of half season Chicago points and half Ryder cup format. Thanks, again.

Once again, kudos to Carla Noel for her efforts with the Doc Hirn Memorial outing which raises money for the Honor Flight and Carolyn Mokszycke with her group at the Tim Kobasic "Crown Mixer" outing which raised funds for scholarships in Escanaba, Gladstone and Bay College. Both outings set new records and together raised almost \$35,000 for their perspective causes. Thank you to all who helped, sponsored or donated. As the saying goes, it takes a village....

During the off season we have been kept busy with facility maintenance and upgrades. The outside of the clubhouse is receiving some much-needed paint and caulking around the facia and windows and trim. Our staging area for cart rentals is getting an addition along with paint and new facia. Wood railings and decking on the clubhouse are being replaced and the 19th hole and grill are getting a facelift as well. While still a work in progress we should be finished with most by opening day with some work to be finished in the spring when weather allows.

This winter season there are cross country ski trails available around the course courtesy of one of our members, Rich Mortl. Rich approached us in late fall with the idea which we welcomed. He purchased a trail groomer that he tows behind a snowmobile to provide a double track that meanders through all 18 holes... Once the snow finally arrived, grooming commenced. The front nine loop is 2.3 miles, and the back nine loop is 2.1 miles. Altogether 4.4 miles of scenic groomed trails for your enjoyment. You may access the trails from your house or by the cart storage building by #9 fairway. Take advantage and be respectful. No walking or snowshoeing is allowed on the groomed trails as it will ruin what he is trying to accomplish. Also, when you see a snowmobile on the course, know he is grooming. No snowmobiling or ORV's are allowed on the property. Visit Lake Bluff Neighbors on Facebook for the latest info on grooming and condition updates. We hope all the enthusiasts enjoy his efforts. Thanks again Rich.

In closing, we hope you are enjoying the winter season whether in the snow or somewhere warm! We look forward to seeing you all in the spring for what is sure to be a great 2024 golf season.

Sincerely,

Tony
Terrace Bluff Golf Club