

Naples Golf & Country Club

Dear Members and Prospective Members:

Though we are all sad to see another golf season come to an end, our entire crew is busy working on making the course for the 2010 season our best ever. We are working on ideas and plans to make your golf and dining experience even better. Our membership is very important to us and we want to do all we can to prove that Naples Golf and Country Club is an important value to you.

2009 was a challenging year for course maintenance, mainly due to the unusual winter and spring weather conditions. We were very fortunate to bring on David Kroll as a consultant with our golf course maintenance program. He comes with many years of experience and a great deal of knowledge, and has already made many significant changes to our maintenance program. We have improved on our greens maintenance with changes to our fertilization and insecticide program, aeration, watering and cutting procedures. We have also significantly increased our effort to prepare all of our greens for the upcoming winter season, and will be monitoring them throughout the winter in order to respond to any problems so that we come into spring with as good conditions as possible. We will be increasing our fertilization program on all fairways this next season, as well as maintenance of all tees, rough, sand bunkers, and hazard and waste areas. This fall, we removed many trees along the 1st fairway, 5th green, 6th tee, 13th tee and 14th green, in order to significantly improve the amount of winter and summer sun that these areas receive. We should see a lot of improvement in the conditions of these areas, which have been a perennial problem.

In order to help our membership get more involved with the success of Naples Golf and Country Club, we are exploring the possibility of forming some committees. For example, a Tournament Committee to help in the planning, development and operation of our tournaments. We would like your help and ideas in increasing participation in our tournaments and make them more fun for everybody. Also, a Handicap and Rules Committee. This is an important committee to help our membership with maintaining as accurate a handicap as possible, as well as helping to educate all players in the proper Rules of Golf and Golf Etiquette so the game is more enjoyable for all. Finally, we are looking to establish an Advisory Course Committee that will help us to continue to improve and maintain our golf course. During the winter, we will be developing an outline of these committees and how they will work. If you have any interest, please contact Bob Caron or myself.

We hope that you enjoy your winter months wherever you are, warm or cold, and we sincerely look forward to seeing you again in the spring.

Allen W. Faraday

President and Treasurer,

Naples Golf and Country Club