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Message From the President Russ Ferneding

As I am writing this article for the November newsletter, the weatherman is predicting severe weather for the afternoon. While I am not a big fan of high winds, I sure hope that the front moving through will bring us needed rain.

This year's weather conditions affected our golf operations and maintenance conditions. Remember, all the way through the end of June, we were actually dealing with wet conditions that cut down the amount of time that our crew could spend on the course. With the snowfall and cold conditions that started in mid December and continued until mid March, it caused a delay in finishing improvements to the course started last fall and pushed back regular maintenance procedures by several weeks.

Then, as we entered the height of summer, Mother Nature decided to turn up the heat and at the same time turned off the water faucet! We experienced numerous days when the thermometer and heat index hit triple digits, many of them right in a row. And as of the date I am writing this article, we are down on rainfall by over 8 inches over the last 4 months.

However, our golf course came through this difficult year in good shape. Granted, the rough took a hit and our water level in the lakes is very low. But the course remains very playable for our members and guests. And, it may not look as nice as we all would like.

I challenge anybody to find a course in Cincinnati that has not suffered greatly from the weather conditions that Cincinnati suffered under.

As a board, we have directed the Green committee and our Superintendent to learn from the conditions we experienced this year, and to use this knowledge to develop plans that if the drought and heat conditions continue into 2011 that we are prepared to keep our course in the best conditions possible.

For water considerations, we have instructed the Future Planning committee to look at our water needs and evaluate the best possible ways to ensure we have adequate water supplies on hand to keep the course thriving. We may even have work done over the winter golf season to address any water issues we may have.

But, I am confident that our course will heal over the winter and will be in great shape when the 2011 playing season commences next April.

As we head into the holiday season, and my term as your President winds down, I want to acknowledge and thank my fellow board members for their passion for the Club and the hard work they perform for our Club every day. They have been a wonderful board that works together to address issues and to plan our future. I also want to thank our employees for their dedication to our Club and the members.

And finally, I want to thank all members for your loyal devotion to Miami View. You are a great group of people that makes our Club a special place to meet, enjoy each other's company and play the game of golf.

I am confident that as we enter our next 50 years we will remain the best golf club in the tri-state region for families and friends to create wonderful memories together!

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— Green Committee

As reported by many agronomists, without a doubt, this has been one of the worst summer months on record for turf grass growing. The summer began with heavy rains throughout much of June and then experienced the shock of +90°F temperatures, humidity and stagnant air conditions. Soil temperatures were recorded at the two inch depth in the low 100°F.

We have now completed the scramble to do our last efforts of necessary fall maintenance to recover from this summer. We have received some much needed rain and are starting to see new growth from the recent reseeding process.

With good fall playing weather, we will continue to focus on changing of pins, cutting/rolling greens and raking traps. However with reduced play, hard morning frost, and shorter days we will modify our weekly pin changing to three times a week (Sat, Sun and once during the week).

The installation of the subsurface drainage system into #4 and #6 greens is scheduled to start 4 Nov (weather permitting). Each green will be out of play for 2 days and then playable the day after each green is finished.

The large oak near the clubhouse (on the side by #1 tee) is leaning into the clubhouse and a specialist was consulted relative to the health of the tree. It was determined the tree has root damage and there is risk the tree may fall onto the clubhouse and therefore it is necessary to remove this tree. At the same time another oak to the right of the deck and next to the cart path will also be removed because it blocks morning sun on the practice green. Lack of morning sun stresses the green and we are trying to make this green healthier so that it does not have to be closed next year during high stress periods (as was the case this year). Other trees on the course that block morning sun on greens will also be addressed (such as #3).

Later this fall, we will determine what changes are necessary to correct the yearly problems with the rough right short of #12 green.

From the Red &

By Pat Wessendarp, Ladies Chairperson

The Miami View Ladies Christmas luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 14th, 2010 at 11:30 a.m. The cost will be \$15.00 per person. Please make your check payable to MVWGC and mail it by December 7th, to Molly Ziegler, 150

Jamison Road, West Harrison, IN 47060.

Please invite any former lady members to join us and any new ladies of Miami View whether they play golf or not.

Don't forget that we will have split-the-pot, and the proceeds will be given to a local charity to help with Christmas.

Ladies, are you looking for something to do during the winter? Come join the ladies for Bunko on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Also, on the 4th Tuesday of each month the ladies play Mexican Train Dominoes at 7:00 p.m.

Happy Holidays and best wishes for a great 2011.



Election Results from the Miami View Annual Meeting - October 26th

New Board Members

Bill Arnold
Chuck DiMuzio
Greg Keyes

Constitutional Change

to Allow a One-Time Leave of Absence - Approved (58-21)

\$60 Dues Increase for 2011

- Approved (83-14)

Special thanks to the other candidates!

Pros Corner



As November rolls around, many changes will go into effect: Hours of Operation, the Post-ing Season ends in this region of the country and the Dress Code changes.

The new hours of operation for the Golf Course will be as follows:

Monday	Noon until Dark
Tuesday-Friday	9:00AM until Dark
Weekends & Holidays	8:00AM until Dark

For a complete listing of all hours of operation for all departments, please refer to page 13 of your 2010 Handbook. While you are there, please check your personal information for accuracy and inform us of any corrections that need to be made by year's end to help us prepare for the printing of the 2011 Handbook.

With the official golf season over in this region of the country, the USGA will no longer accept scores for posting purposes from this region of the country, however if you are traveling to an active region, and playing golf, you should post those scores. During the off-season your handicap will update monthly with those traveling rounds. Since we are now in the off season for posting scores, our Dress Code is now relaxed and we will allow players to wear Denim (Jeans) on the Golf Course, In the Clubhouse and on the Driving Range.

Also as the temperature drops and it becomes harder to coerce your friends into playing golf, might I suggest this is the perfect opportunity for you to call the pro shop and register for one of our organized games. These games are open to all and will give you an opportunity to meet and compete with some of your fellow members...Give it a try, you just might enjoy it. The dates and times are listed on the enclosed calendars.

Also as many of you will be retiring your clubs until Spring, might I request that you check your bag for any Demo Golf Clubs to be returned or for any clubs that you found during your last round as some of your fellow members are missing some. We all thank you in advance for your cooperation.

I would also like to extend my appreciation to the entire membership of Miami View Golf Club for their continued support of our Tournament Programs and Pro Shop throughout this difficult year.

As a way to celebrate, I would like to invite the entire membership to join us on **Saturday, December 4th from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM for our Annual Golf Shop Christmas Sale.**

During this time we will be providing complimentary Food, Wine and Beer as well as offering huge discounts on all of your golfing needs. This is a great opportunity to socialize with your family and friends, clean up those unused Gift Certificates, and get some great bargains for all those on your Holiday lists. We hope to see you all on December 4th and once again THANKS.



First Half Dues Invoices

Invoices for first half dues will be mailed in early December and are payable by January 1, 2011. If you do not receive a statement by December 10th, please contact Steve Raterman @ 385-0175 or steve.raterman@gmail.com.

If you are not planning to renew your membership, please contact Steve.

Miami View Golf Club

Balance Sheet

at September 30, 2010

ASSETS	9/30/2009	9/30/2010	Change + (-)
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash - Operating Funds	136,090	280,987	144,897
Cash - Contingency Fund	11,758	29,232	17,474
Cash - Equipment Replacement Fund	72,161	50,136	(22,025)
Cash - Cart Path Repair & Replacement	51,685	79,011	27,326
Cash - Capital Fund	37,947	28,398	(9,549)
Kirchner Funds & Operating at Fidelity	294,976	60,001	(234,975)
50 Year Anniv CD	8,046	0	(8,046)
Waiting List Escrow Accounts	26,624	29,354	2,730
Accounts Receivable-Restaurant	901	1,183	282
Accounts Receivable-Other Clubs	128	1,777	1,649
Petty Cash	<u>475</u>	<u>475</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Current Assets	640,791	560,554	(80,237)
Initiation Fees Receivable	28,500	24,000	(4,500)
Capital Assets (Net before tax entry)	1,490,918	1,588,793	97,875
Other Assets (Pre-paid items)	<u>2,311</u>	<u>992</u>	<u>(1,319)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	2,162,520	2,174,339	11,819
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	17,172	21,929	4,757
Accrued Expenses	2,160	0	(2,160)
Advance Dues Received	253,201	255,088	1,887
Taxes Payable (Primarily Real Estate)	46,323	48,219	1,896
Employee Withholdings	<u>0</u>	<u>1,228</u>	<u>1,228</u>
Total Current Liabilities	318,856	326,464	7,608
Long Term Liabilities			
Membership Deposits - Wait List	25,500	28,000	2,500
Membership Certificates	37,053	32,468	(4,585)
Notes Payable - Miami Savings	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Long Term Liabilities	62,553	60,468	(2,085)
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>1,781,111</u>	<u>1,787,407</u>	<u>6,296</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES and EQUITY	2,162,520	2,174,339	11,819

Miami View Golf Club Report of Income Expenses

for the
period
ended
September 30,
2010

	Actual at 9/30/2010	Budget at 9/30/2010	Variance at 9/30/2010 Over (Under)
REVENUE - Regular Operations			
Dues	769,596	769,596	0
Special Events	2,267	0	2,267
Locker Rental	950	1,000	(50)
Guest Fees	62,791	51,100	11,691
Cart Rental	143,742	122,800	20,942
Handicap Fees	12,170	12,000	170
Interest	1,006	7,318	(6,312)
Sale of Equipment	6,000	5,000	1,000
Assessment Income			
Other Income	3,492	0	3,492
Total Revenue (Net of Assessment)	1,002,014	968,814	33,200
EXPENSES - Regular Operations			
Pro Shop	104,479	104,877	(398)
Clubhouse	54,842	51,979	2,863
Restaurant	46,186	51,318	(5,132)
Golf Course	562,435	555,714	6,721
Golf Carts	46,355	46,827	(472)
General & Administrative	193,604	193,990	(386)
Practice Range	41,607	52,669	(11,062)
Other Expense			0
Total Expenses - "Regular"	1,049,508	1,057,374	(7,866)
Revenue Over (Under) Expenses - Operating	(47,494)	(88,560)	41,066
Bowman Property Expense	1,432	0	1,432
Revenue Over (Under) Expenses	(48,926)	(88,560)	39,634

2010 Survey Results Summary

Listed below are the aggregate values and average for each of the questions as they appeared in order on the survey. None of the prospective projects received a rating average of 2 or more but some seem to have traction for interest in the future. The rating scale was 1=not in favor, 2=favorable, 3=highly desirable.

For the clubhouse addition question (sixth in order), the values were 1=not in favor, 2=\$200 dues increase, 3=\$300, 4=\$400. For the last question, we were gauging the relative degree of satisfaction for the past 5-10 years with 5=much more favorable, 4=somewhat more favorable, 3=about the same, 2=less favorable, and 1=much less favorable. Also, it is noteworthy that of the 135 responders to the survey, their collective view of the overall MV experience was 4.01.

Name of Proposal	Aggregate Value	Average
Fully equipped restrooms (2)	146	1.16
Limited facility restrooms (2)	186	1.48
Uncovered deck	190	1.51
Permanent roof/enlarge pro shop	193	1.53
New clubhouse constructed	146	1.16
Clubhouse expansion w/dues increase	185	1.47
New short game practice facility	201	1.60
Expand cart barn	162	1.29
Overall satisfaction	505	4.01

We want to thank those of you who participated in the survey. The verbatim comments had an overriding theme of "maintain what we have better", "fix the roughs especially the first cut" and fix the chronic problems with greens such as #6 and #4. We are directing efforts already to place those as the top priorities. There were also a lot of thoughtful and creative comments about the course layout.

Tournament Results

Ball Bashers Championship

The Ball Bashers conducted their first championship in mid-October with 40 players -- 20 from the gold tees and 20 from the white tees. Prizes were awarded on a low net basis.

Off the gold tees, Bill Frietsch was low net with a 64, followed by Tom Hudepohl with a 65 and Joe Grathwohl also with 65. Tom won the back-off.

From the White Tees, Bob Hofmann was the lone white tee player to have a net score in the 60s with a 68. He was followed by Steve Raterman with a 71 and Chris Bunke with 72.

More than 100 Miami View members have played at least once with the Ball Bashers so far this season.

Men's Cross Country Scramble - October 14th Par 39

1st Greg Keyes
George Eichhold
Chris Hube 32 \$112/Team
Mick Foltyn

Tie Guy York
Tom Mueller
Guy Cagney 32 \$112/Team
Denny Weston

Tie Leo Robinson
Mike Walroth
Bob Bigner 32 \$112/Team
Dan Beccaccio

Closest to the Pin #4 Bob Bigner B330-RX Balls
Closest to the Pin #5 Brad Weigel B330-RX Balls
Closest to the Pin #10 Gerald Wirthwine B330-RX Balls
Longest Putt Made #6 Leo Robinson B330-RX Balls

2010 Men's Season Long Match Play

Winners: Tim Lysaght
Bob Hanneken \$500 / Team & Trophy
Runner Up: Jim Krimpenfort
Rick Doxsey \$400 / Team & Trophy

Semi-Finalist

John Weichold
Mike Kane \$260 / Team
Ed Jackson
Jerry Ernst \$260 / Team

Quarter-Finalist

Brian Roettker
Don Roettker \$75 / Team
Mike Dziech
Bob Wells \$75 / Team
Matt Goodwill
Fr. Pete St.George \$75 / Team
Mike Mullen
Mike Robinson \$75 / Team

High School Matches October 9th

Overall Winners

Elder 71.866

Overall Runner Up

LaSalle 72.11

Overall Low Gross

1st Brad Loomis 70 \$60.00 Gift Certificate
(Tie) Greg Keyes 70 \$60.00 Gift Certificate
3rd Steve Neely 71 \$30.00 Gift Certificate

Overall Low Net

1st Jack Kahny 64 \$92.00 Gift Certificate
2nd Tom Humpert 65 \$73.00 Gift Certificate
(Tie) Rick Schaible 65 \$73.00 Gift Certificate
4th Chuck DiMuzio 66 \$53.00 Gift Certificate
(Tie) Paul Olding 66 \$53.00 Gift Certificate
6th Bob Hofmann 67 \$32.00 Gift Certificate
(Tie) Mike Tomasetti 67 \$32.00 Gift Certificate
(Tie) Mark Waters 67 \$32.00 Gift Certificate

Low Net Purcell / Roger Bacon

Bob Hofmann 67 \$25.00 Gift Certificate

Low Net Men in Black

Mike Tomasetti 67 \$12.50 Gift Certificate
Mark Waters 67 \$12.50 Gift Certificate

Low Net St. Xavier

Paul Olding 66 \$25.00 Gift Certificate

Low Net Elder

Jack Kahny 64 \$25.00 Gift Certificate

Low Net LaSalle
Rick Schaible 65 \$25.00 Gift Certificate

Special Events 1 Dz. B330 RX Golf Balls Each
Closest to the Pin #3 Ray Sucher (Hole in 1)
Closest to the Pin #11 Matt Goodwill
Closest to the Pin #17 John Weichold
Long Putt Made #9 Gerry Born
Long Putt Made #18 Bill Arnold

2010 Grand Finale

Overall

1st	Paul Benedict	169.2
	Ed Marzheuser	\$248.00 / Team
2nd	Joel Appling	171
	Mike Tomasetti	\$192.00 / Team
3rd	Jim Cooper	172.6
	Dave Steinriede	\$144.00 / Team
4th	Jim Rueger	172.8
	Jerry Diers	\$120.00 / Team
5th	Bill Leon	177
	Mark Hart	\$96.00 / Team

Scramble

1st	Rocky Rothwell & Don Minning	26.6	\$100/Team
2nd	Mike Wetterich & Paul Martini	29.35	\$60/Team
	Pinehurst Alternate Shot		
1st	Steve Parsons & Rick Doxsey	34	\$100/Team
2nd	Brian Eichhold & Dick Siekemeyer	35	\$30/Team
	(Tie)		
	Steve Neely & Sherm Scherer	35	\$30/Team
	Best Ball		
1st	Pete Outcalt & Bob Hanneken	29	\$100/Team
2nd	Dave Staiger & Lonnie Keifel	31	\$60/Team
	Total Net		
1st	George Kaminsky & Mark Waters	71	\$100/Team
2nd	Mike Walroth & John Walroth	74	\$60/Team

**Congratulations to All Winners
and Thank You for Playing!**

Shots Heard Round the View

- October 6 - Norb Ranz, age 83 shoots 80
- October 10 - Skip Koesterman eagled # 5 – Driver, 3 wood, and chip in
- October 16 - Dan Meade had a HOLE-IN-ONE on #3
- October 23 - Michelle Scherer shot her best ever 99
- October 23 - Jack Metz, aged 79, shot his age
- October 23 - John Weichold had a HOLE-IN-ONE on #3



Water Supply, #12 Lake, etc.

By Dave Steinriede, Future Planning

Due to the severe drought conditions for the past 4 months, we have obviously used our water supply from the #12 lake reservoir and are now utilizing the water from Lake #4 exclusively. Jim Riley estimates we will have sufficient supply in #4 to sustain us through the remainder of this year. Our contingency plan is to pump water from #3 if necessary via the overflow pipes.

As part of the plan submitted to the Board last year, we identified increasing our water supply as a near term priority for consideration for the next 2-5 years. In addition to the uncertainty of weather conditions, as reported by the Green committee we plan to extend the coverage of our irrigation system into more areas of the rough, thereby increasing the need for more water.

During the upcoming few weeks, we will be getting a professional opinion on the integrity of #12 dam if we were to proceed with a dredging operation to create more space for water. Once that has been established, we may proceed with dredging operations yet this year (dependency if the cost estimates are less than the Board's authority to spend up to \$20K) or we may postpone the decision to dredge in a future year when the water level in #12 may get low again. Another option to create a secondary dam in the valley next to #12 fairway has been ruled out due to a number of undesirable factors.



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Editors Note:

*I want to thank you all who provided articles for the Miami Viewer this year. I think everyone appreciated the timeliness and the information provided. A special **Thank You** to **Jack Metz** who provided some great insights into our past 50 years.*

Christmas Sale

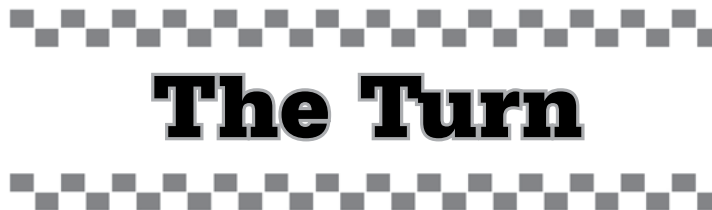


See the Pro's Corner for information about a special event December 4th!



From the Restaurant Committee

We are pleased to announce that Miami View has signed a new two year agreement with Rick Wellinghoff and "The Turn" restaurant for the 2011/2012 seasons. Rick is very pleased with the membership at Miami View and appreciates all of us very much. Thank Rick and his staff the next time you have the chance.



The Turn



Also, please take the time to zero out your balance with the restaurant. We still have some ignoring this. If an account is still delinquent after 30 days of notice to them, the member's membership, with all its privileges, can be suspended until the account is settled as set forth in the Constitution, Article II, Section 1. Please contact Rick if there are any discrepancies.



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Mike Huhn, Board Member