



Piedmont Men's Golf Association

Newsletter



December 2008

Final Newsletter Message from the President:

I meet a lot of golfers from other clubs in my line of work. When they ask about Piedmont, I tell them that we have an exceptional golf course. And I always add, "but what makes it really rewarding for me is that we have the best group of guys you could ever want to be associated with." I value your character and camaraderie. I have great memories from time spent on the golf course with you and our Piedmont Cup is the ultimate experience. Time and again you step up to the plate. Support for Fire-victims, deserving students, local schools and charities - no problem for you guys. It has been an honor to serve you again and I look forward to 2009 and being a part of the greatest group of guys I know.

Message from the Board:

The members of your MGA Board would like to formally thank Steve for his outstanding commitment and leadership the past two years. Steve's guidance, coupled with the support of the association, have taken the MGA to new levels of service and positive community reputation. Over the last two years, the MGA under Steve's leadership have expanded its sense of "community" to support a college scholarship program, assisted Piedmont Residents who tragically lost their homes to fire, promoted the Battlefield High School Golf Team, led the B Team and League Liaison to put Piedmont solidly on the map of contenders, and built a strong relationship with the Piedmont Club Management Team to improve the overall level of services. These are but a few of the initiatives under Steve's leadership. We are all very appreciative of his leadership and commitment to the PMGA.

2009 Calendar of Events:

- January 18th – Championship Sunday – Join us in for our 2nd annual MGA non-golf Social and election of the two open officer positions: President and Treasurer.
 - Current Nominees:
 - President – John Munies
 - Treasurer – Tom Mapp; Brian Frye
- March -MGA Season Opening Social
- March - Ringer Tournament 2009 Starts
- April - Wednesday Night League Starts
- April – Gold – Blue – White Tournament
- May - Member Guest Calcutta
- June 6-6-6 Tournament
- July – LGA “Rally for the Cure”
- August – Skills Championship
- September– Wednesday Night League Shootout
- October – Piedmont Cup
- October – Ringer Tournament ends
- October – Stableford Tournament
- November/Dec. Ice Bowl

The events listed above are provided as anticipated events. Any ideas or suggestions regarding formats or event announcements and sponsorships are welcome. Please contact our Tournament Chairman, **Craig**

Burnett, if you have any questions on our tournament formats or ideas for improving our competition. Craig's email is : legend33fan@hotmail.com. We would also like to thank our "dirty dozen" co-tournament chairs for their time and energy in 2008. Based on popular demand, we will again ask for co-chairs to support this event and will take nominees at our January event. Thanks to: **Kevin Cerretani, Tom Mapp, Dennis Cranston, Paul Haraldsen, Joe Devore, Rich Leap, Tom Smith, Joel Daniels, Grant Mott, John Shire, Gene Arbogast, Jason Kiendzior**. We would also like to thank our Wednesday Night League Chair, **Tom Huard** for the terrific job he did managing one of our most popular events.

Financial Update:

The MGA had a strong year in revenues which allowed for additional tournament pay-outs, better quality food services, and donations to charitable events such as a college scholarship program, Rally for the Cure, and the Fire Victim's Fund. Total 2008 revenues are projected to be \$52.4K against projected expenses of \$56.7K. Couple this with a carry over balance from previous years, the projected ending fund balance will be \$2.7K. This balance will be used to fund the early tournaments and operations in 2009.

Piedmont Cup Update:

The 2008 Piedmont Cup certainly lived up to its billing. With each team tied at 3, expectations were high.. Popes Army wanted to continue its recent run of tournament wins, while Jackson Brigade wanted to reclaim their rightful place on top of the Piedmont Cup Standings. With the results extremely close, the tournament came down to the handicap flight tee times. The result, Jackson Brigade 4, Popes Army 3. Congratulations to all members of the Jackson Brigade Team!!

Our planning for the 2009 event will begin early next year. In the meantime MGA members should enjoy the Club's latest menu item, The Jackson Brigade's "Southern Burger". Look for more information in the Spring.

Tournament Standings/Results:

Ringer Tournament Results:

Here are the final results of the 2008 Ringer Tournament:

Net:

1st – Shorty Varley – 36 (\$450)

2nd – Rod Smith – 43 (\$225)

3rd – John Munies – 45 (\$75)

Gross:

1st – Steve Brown – 55 (\$450)

2nd – Craig Burnett – 59 (\$225)

3rd - Kurt Duesterdick – 60 (\$37.50)

3rd – Brad Marchand – 60 (\$37.50)

Golf Course Update from Course Superintendent, Stephen Britton:

While there are no "major" course changes to report, Stephen is concentrating on a couple of small changes to prepare for 2009. These are:

- Right side of number #1 will be re-seeded and mown slightly further down the hill to expose the fairway bunkers from the tee. Over the years the hazard line and tall weeds have crept up too close to the fairway bunkers.
- Some more tall grass areas will be grown out but will not be in play. For example #4 hill alongside the pond and the tall grass to the left of #14 green will be extended up behind the green.

Over the winter his crew is working on building log benches for every blue & red tee box. The current

benches on the par 3 tees will replace the deteriorating benches up on the driving range tee. These benches will be a nice addition to the course especially for the walkers. Every winter we pull in the tee markers to re-stain and paint them for the next year. This year we bought the tee markers back to the shop and noticed they were in poor condition eg. cracks and splits. So we are making new tee markers for next year out of cedar logs, so far these look great. We have also pulled in all the bunker rakes on the course for inventory. We are keeping any good rakes we find and throwing away all the broken rakes then ordering additional new rakes for 09.

Community Outreach Update:

MGA College Scholarship: We again plan to support our annual college scholarship program for a worthy club employee who is attending, or plans to attend, College in the Fall of 2009. Applications will go out in the Spring of 2009. The 2009 recipient will be selected in July of 2009.

Battlefield High School Sponsorship: The MGA has raised \$250 to the Battlefield High School Golf Team in 2008. We will combine this with an early fund raiser in 2009 and provide this to the Golf Team in the Spring of 2009.

Rally For the Cure: The MGA continues to support this important effort year after year. In addition to supporting the event with our members, we contributed \$500 towards their fund raising goals.

Fire Victims Fund: The support from our membership was truly remarkable. In less than 2 weeks, the MGA raised \$1,200 and personally provided the Mother and her children with the much needed funds. Her appreciation to the MGA cannot be properly articulated in words or this news letter. You all were awesome in the time of need!

Sponsors: We cannot provide the level of service and quality without the support of our sponsors. Please show your full support to the Companies that provide support to the PMGA. We need more in 2009 and will be planning new programs to connect our members with the great sponsors who fuel our events!!!! Contact Dave Taylor or John Munies if you have an interest in being a 2009 Sponsor. Dave's email is: dtaylor@omega-floors.com and John's is jmunies@comcast.net.



Additional Sponsors: **Dave Taylor**, Omega Floors, and **Kirk Fox**, 2008 MGA College Scholarship Chair.

Please contact **Doug Boufford** with suggestions for improving or enhancing our communications! Doug's email address is: Doug.Boufford@gdit.com

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