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Island Green Golf Club

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Welcome 2009!!!

We hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season and a great start to the New Year. I believe we are all glad to put 2008 behind us and look forward to what 2009 and beyond will bring. We would like to thank you for your continued support and calling Island Green Golf Club your home for golf.

We would like to enhance your experience this year by offering more member-

oriented golfing activities. Along with the typical events we have held in the past, we would like to add some events that can be incorporated into your normal play. These will consist of making your own groups and tee-times (within a specified range) and signing-up in the pro-shop. For example, one event will use a Stableford-scoring system. You play your own ball, in your own

group, at your tee-time convenience. Each group will keep their own score and the pro-shop will calculate the stableford score. Results will be posted the following day in the pro-shop. The event fee will be \$5.00 per person. These events will be held once a month. I hope you will participate; it will be fun (check calendar in corridor for dates).

Jacob

Golf Course News

In 2008, the golf course was in great condition, especially the greens. We expect the course to be even better this year. As all of you know, maintenance is an integral part of the golf course. However, after reading an article, I want to share with all of you some little things, the golfer, can do to improve not only the course conditions but also everyone's golfing experience at Island Green Golf Club!

The subtitle of the article reads, "Being a good player does not make you a good golfer." Some key items include the following:

*Picking up broken tees helps prevent damage to costly mower reels.

*Not overfilling trash containers prevents trash from blowing across the course.

*Replacing a sign or rope stake that has been knocked down keeps the course looking good and helps prevent damage.

*If an irrigation leak is spotted, let a maintenance or pro-shop worker know about it so it can be fixed before turf damage occurs from traffic through the area.

*Lose the herd mentality when driving the golf cart—avoid following the same path of the carts before you.

*Avoid taking divots on your practice swings.

*Chip to the chipping green—not the practice putting green.

*When practicing putting, avoid standing in one place for extended periods—doing so can cause damage to the green.

*Put bunker rakes where the superintendent has directed them to be placed.

Even though these items seem miniscule, they are often overlooked. Practicing these will only improve the course.

Scott



*"You've just got one problem. You stand too close to the ball after you've hit it."
Sam Snead*

"We Are Golfers"

This section is designed to offer tips. This is the perfect time of year to re-grip your clubs. New, tacky grips will make a big difference in your scoring. For the average golfer, grips should be changed once a year or so. The pro-shop has a full selection of today's most popular grips. The grips can be installed by the pro-shop and ready to use in a few hours.

Softspikes should also be change annually. Spring is a perfect time to change spikes and to regain traction. New spikes are key to providing stability and safety to the golf round. The pro-shop can change your spikes in about five or ten minutes.

Inside 100 yards is where more than half of your stokes are taken. Start the season off by practicing putting,

chipping, and pitching. I encourage you to start with putting; then chip with the bump-and-run working your way to more lofted shots; and then practice pitching.

While practicing on the driving range, begin with a sand wedge or pitching wedge to develop good tempo and timing. Work your way through the set and end the session with the club you will hit on the first tee.

Newsletter is Going Green

The newsletter will now be available through our web-site www.islandgreengolfclub.com for your convenience. We will issue a short newsletter each month to update you on the calendar changes, event dates, pro-shop sale specials, etc...

We would also like to update our e-mail contact list to include all members so Island Green can directly communicate with you regarding member events, updates, and specials. Please call the pro-shop or stop by the next time you play to give your e-

mail address. This will benefit all of us. Island Green will be able to notify members immediately of any changes to the calendar and/or tee-time availability. This will aide us to provide exceptional service to you.

Member Tournament Schedule 2009



Member Mixer
 Memorial Day Couples
 Ladies Member-Guest
 Father's Day Scramble
 Men's Member Guest
 Red, White, Blue
 Men's Club Championship
 Ladies Invitational
 Men's Match Play Cham.
 Labor Day Couples
 Mission Impossible

Sat. April 18th
 Monday May 25th
 Sun. May 31st
 Sun. June 21st
 Sat. Sun. June 13th, 14th
 Saturday July 4th
 Sat. Sun. July 25th, 26th
 Sat. Sun. Aug 8th, 9th
 Sat. Sun. Aug 22nd, 23rd
 Monday Sep. 7th
 Sat. Oct. 17th

9:00 Shotgun
 8:30 Shotgun
 1:00 Start
 12:30 Shotgun
 8:00 Shotgun
 8:00 Shotgun
 8:00 Start
 8:00 Shotgun
 8:00 Start
 8:30 Shotgun
 10:00 Start

Handicap

An official U.S.G.A. handicap is designed to level the playing field. The index measures a player's potential and makes the game more competitive between playing abilities. The index should be converted to a "course handicap." Keep in mind, different tees are considered different courses. Playing different tees to level the field is insufficient; using handicaps is the only fair way for a fifteen-handicap player to compete with a two-

handicap player.

We hope to have some tournaments that involve handicaps to incorporate more involvement from the entire membership. Thankfully, the U.S.G.A. is not increasing prices this year, so the fee will remain \$20.00 per player.

To ensure correct posting, the Proshop will oversee all scores that are posted. The best way to do this is to have each group name a handicap chairman who

will post its' group scores for the day. Then give the card to the proshop and we will confirm the posting. There are many benefits to having a handicap but most importantly, it makes the game more enjoyable.

Please contact the Proshop if you would like to sign-up. This is something that, if everyone has, can be implemented to many games, contests, and tournaments.

Reminder

If you have your monthly dues paid via credit or debit card, please check your expiration date and make any necessary changes before the next billing.

Cart Keys???

We have developed a shortage of golf cart keys, we ask all of you to please check and see if you happen to have any lying around. If so, please return to the proshop at your earliest convenience. Thank you so much.



Special Thanks

We would like to thank the Home Owners Association for their beautification efforts to the golf course in 2008. There were countless compliments on the tee landscaping. One couple wanted to take a picture of a plant to take to their hometown nursery to purchase the same thing. A special thanks goes out to Suzanne Stringer for her tremendous efforts and hard work, Thank You!