

THE TANYARD TIMES

MARCH 2009

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

While we reduced costs in a number of areas; the costs for utilities, taxes, golf course and restaurant operating expenses increased over the past year. Therefore, it is necessary for the Board to approve a five percent increase in dues for all membership categories beginning March 1, 2009.

Last month, we used over \$23,000 from our capital improvement reserves to cover Club expenses. We will need to use more in February. The current dues schedule, golf fees, food and beverage prices; coupled with our member count and usage of Tanyard services, are not sufficient to pay the bills during the slow winter months. In the past, we borrowed money from the bank to pay these bills. Unfortunately, we did not always pay it back and increased our overall debt. As you may recall, we consolidated our mortgage and line of credit loans in 2007, and adopted a policy of "no more borrowing" from the bank. However, we continue to "borrow" from ourselves.

This practice is a problem. It keeps us from using designated funds and proceeds for the intended purpose. I would like to stop this practice and use the monies donated to the building fund and from stock sales for the much needed capital improvements to our facilities.

The Board discussed several additional actions to reduce expenses and increase revenues; including assessments, golf fees, food and beverage prices, and changes to the application of minimums to build reserves for the winter months. These actions require more discussion. I asked the executive committee and committee chairs to review all options and bring recommendations to the Board to close our 2009 budget gap without delaying capital and other needed improvements. As Board members search for options, your thoughts are invited and valued.

As always, your strong support and use of Tanyard services are requested and appreciated.

Thank You,
Pat Hanley

EDITOR'S DESK

Since its beginning, Tanyard has been a member **owned** country club. It has also been a member run **business**. Like every other business we need a reliable cash flow to operate and provide services for our members. In the past, we have used discretion when

dealing with members' overdue accounts. In these tough economic times we no longer can afford that luxury. In retrospect, we should not have been so forgiving. A few of these accounts have been allowed to exceed the generous time and credit limits specified in the Club's Bylaws. These members were notified several times of their obligations and have failed to respond. Tanyard is currently following the guidelines set up in the Bylaws to recover these somewhat considerable delinquent funds. The Board of Directors is also in the process of amending the Bylaws to expedite this procedure in the future. Unfortunately, this situation puts further strain on our winter budget. We will continue to be frugal, reducing our expenses whenever and wherever possible. We also ask our members to take advantage of the Clubs services as often as they can, especially this time of year. So stop by for that extra dinner out or a nightcap on your way home. While you're at it, bring a friend. Every little bit helps!

TANYARD LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

Ladies, the 2009 season is upon us. Our kick-off meeting/luncheon is scheduled for March 31st at 11:30 a.m. Please call and make your reservations for lunch directly to the club. Dues of \$25.00 will be accepted at the meeting. You can also sign up for the birdie tree, par tree and ringer tournaments which cost \$2.00 each. Checks should be made payable to TCCLGA.

The 2009 season will start on April 7th at 9:00 a.m. You can sign up by phone or in the Pro Shop by noon the Sunday before play. There are special Signup sheets for the LGA in the Pro Shop. All lady golf members are invited/encouraged to join our group. We have all levels of handicaps and none of us are pro's. This year we are going to have more team events, such as captain's choice and alternate shots. We will also have several events where we will shorten the course. Please come out and join us for fun golf and even better the friendships gained. Let's make this a great 2009 season.

TENNIS NEWS

VABOOM, an appropriately named local World Team Tennis (WTT) team, will be participating in a WTT National Qualifier event in Bradenton, Florida the weekend of February 27, 2009. Representing Tanyard Country Club in this 3.5 level competition are team members Dave Pratt, Jill Katz, Hank Philcox, and Don Shultis, with Jim Oppy as an alternate. Two ladies from Culpepper are also team members. The team will be playing in the Super Seniors Division (age 60 +). If they are successful in Bradenton, they will be eligible to participate in the 2009 WTT National competition in Indian Wells, California in late October. We wish VABOOM well!

To get things organized for the coming season, it is anticipated that a Tennis Dinner Meeting will be held at the club in early March. A Spring Workday to prepare the courts for resurfacing will also be scheduled for early April. Tanyard tennis players will be contacted separately via e-mail concerning the dinner and the workday.

Team Trivia
Saturday March 7th at 6:30

Gather your own group together or call TCC so we can create a really spectacular team for you and you can meet new friends. Because the staff must arrange the tables by Saturday morning, please make your reservations by Friday, March 6th. We are making some minor changes. Some of you were kind enough to give us feedback related to the difficulty hearing the questions and we think we've solved that problem. So please give us one more chance.

The House Committee is responsible for decorating the club inside and out and for maintaining its appearance. We've bought paint, stain, mulch and more. You might have noticed that our beautiful green awning is missing and needs replacing. All this takes money that we must earn. Our primary money source is Trivia, and only earns about \$35/session. Sooooo, we are raising the price to \$2.50 per person. Winning tables will win the same amount and fifty/fifty will still be split with the winner and the house. Ten dollars will pay for 2 people and 3 fifty/fifty tickets. This should make checking in much easier as well. Thanks for helping us!

TANYARD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Pat Hanley, President, Scott Dixon, Vice-President, Hank Philcox, Treasurer, Chuck Faller, Secretary, Greg Crum, Ann Burtle, John Lundberg, Don Enloe, Brad Kirley, Rick Meyer, David Kronander, Sally Goodwin, Ken Pool, Nancy Kuranda and Ray Venator.

ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

This year's Annual Stockholders meeting will be held at Tanyard on Saturday May 16th at 8 pm. Proxy Ballots will be sent out in early April. Any stockholder interested in running for election to the Board of Directors should contact Rick Meyer at 967-9683 or meyerdds@hotmail.com.

CORRECTIONS

Let me begin by apologizing for omitting Tina Draper as Member of the Month in last month's hard copy Newsletter. This was corrected in the E-mail Newsletter, but it slipped by me in the snail mail version. We all know that Tina is the inspiration behind Cliff's contributions. Tina, please forgive me for my blunder and thanks again for being the "woman behind the man".

I would also draw your attention to the Golf Tournament Schedule, which is reprinted in this month's Newsletter. It appears that, although they show up in the proof copy, red and blue colored fonts do not transfer to the final print copy. Don't know why, but then a lot about life remains a mystery to me. That is the reason for all those blank lines in last month's Newsletter.

EVENT FACILITY

The Tanyard Board of Directors has endorsed a plan to construct an Event Facility in the current location of the existing Pavilion dependent upon obtaining the funding through voluntary contributions. This would be the largest construction project undertaken since the building of the tennis courts. This facility would provide a pavilion, a patio, an air-conditioned eating area, bathroom facilities, and a new pro shop. The board has established a funding campaign committee, which consists of Chairman Dr. Rick Meyer, Greg Crum and Ken Pool. Copies of the layout for the facility will be posted in the Clubhouse and Pro Shop. Additionally, e-mailed copies of the plan can be requested by contacting any of the funding committee members. The Funding Committee is currently developing plans to hold several different fund raising events such as dances, tournaments, raffles, etc. in addition to soliciting voluntary contributions from individual members. Initially the committee will solicit pledges until the goal is reached at which time collection of contributions will occur. Contributions of any amount will be accepted (and appreciated) and a plaque will be hung in the facility with the names of donors at three levels - Silver \$500.00, Gold \$1000.00 and platinum \$3500.00 (or a share of stock). An open house to display the floor plan of the facility is scheduled for Saturday, April 4, at 4 p.m. The current estimate to build the facility is \$130,000.00. This facility has the potential to significantly increase income generation in addition to providing the members with a first class experience for weddings, meetings, golf tournaments, etc. Please feel free to contact any member of the funding committee with any questions you may have. This plan is ambitious, yet achievable, and would be yet another testament to the ability of TCC to grow through volunteerism. Posters displaying the current funding level of pledges will be posted in the clubhouse. This is exciting stuff!

LOST & FOUND

A pair of glasses was found after Bridge back in November. They have been left on the fireplace mantle across from the Tavern. Also, the Tanyard monogrammed hand towel hasn't found its way home yet. Hopefully, some Good Samaritan can point it in the right direction.

MAH JONG AT TANYARD

Every second and fourth Friday morning of the month, a small group gets together at the Club to play this ancient Chinese game. It's fun, fast-paced and you could win up to a whopping fifty cents!

Do you play? Would you like to learn? Come join us. Give Janet Fullerton a call at 872-2522. We hope to have classes for beginners (and those who would like a refresher course) starting this spring.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

The Member of the Month for March 2009 is Hank Schiller. Hank is a Founding Member of Tanyard and a former Club President. He was the driving force behind the construction of the Pavilion, or as it is more affectionately known "Schiller's Shelter". He can often be found organizing informal competitions among members on the golf course. We at Tanyard thank you Hank for all the years of your generous support.

JASON'S MENU

Around the middle of this month, the 20th to be exact, Spring officially arrives. It's time to clean up those golf clubs, tennis shoes and anything you will use in the upcoming season. It also means that we in the clubhouse get to welcome back those of you who have migrated or hibernated for the chillier months.

Our winter attendance was not as bad as some years but we welcome the upcoming increase in activity. And what better way than by trying to fill up your weekends! We begin with our house committee at it again with Team Trivia on the 7th. On Saturday the 14th we'll fill the building with the aromas of Corned Beef and Cabbage to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. On the 21st we will have another All You Care to Eat Shrimp Feast. We will wrap up the month with a Wine Dinner, which has the building busting at the seams to fit all who enjoy these so much. And, don't forget our Friday Night Socials that have been the highlight of every weekend over the winter months.

Once again we have something for everyone and we look forward to seeing all of you.

Wines & Vines

In February, thanks to a few of our brave members (Thanks Robin and Dare!) we rekindled the Sunday Afternoon Wine Tastings. These were at one time extremely enjoyable but faded away a few years ago. But by demand, They Are Back! Every other month we will schedule one. Ask me or any who have attended and we will fill you in on the details.

As for this month, our Wine Program focuses on the Wine Dinner. As many of you know we have expanded to both dining rooms and with the returning winter vacationers I believe we will be looking at filling both those rooms. But as the saying goes, The More the Merrier! And these evenings are always Merry. Make reservations early.

Friday Night Social:

March 6th – Chicken Wings

March 13th – Quesadillas
March 19th – Popcorn Chicken
March 27th – Meatballs

Coming Events:

Saturday, March 7th – Team Trivia

Getting Bigger & Bigger all the time and the house committee continues putting all the work into coming up with questions that will boggle the mind. We keep doing our part to fill your bellies.

Saturday, March 14th – St. Patrick’s Day at Tanyard

A Family Style Feast of Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes and a few other dishes to fill out the menu, our annual culinary experience not to be missed.

Friday, March 20th – Spring Begins

It just felt good to say that!

Saturday, March 21st – “All You Care to Eat” Shrimp Feast

We’ll be serving Beer Boiled Shrimp, both Regular and Spicy, including all the traditional accompaniments, Hushpuppies, Cole Slaw, Baked Potatoes and Corn on the Cob, plenty for everyone! Our ½ pound platters and children’s menu will also be available.

Saturday, March 28th – Wine Dinner

We’re at it again! Great Wine, Great Food and extraordinary company! Now that sounds like a recipe for success. Of course Rob Gardner will be joining us and I look forward to seeing all your smiling faces.

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I hope everyone is ready for a great season of golf because March 1 marks the start of the season. The handicap computer has been turned back on and is ready to start accepting excellent golf scores. If you have any questions about how the handicap system works or are interested in joining the handicap program, please come by the pro shop and let us help you out. While you're here, you can pick up a 2009 tournament schedule.

POSTING SCORES AND WHAT YOU ARE REQUIRED TO POST.

Basically, anytime you play a round, you are required to post your score. The computer accepts 9-hole and 18-hole scores, but even if you only play 7-holes, 13-holes or 16-holes, you still post. There is a system for figuring out scores on the remaining holes you did not play, which I can help you with. Stop by the pro shop to find out how. But remember, anytime you play, post your score.

What a great time of the year it is to get your golf clubs and golf gear ready to play. Need new grips? Need new spikes for your shoes? Stop by the pro shop and let us help you get ready for the 2009 season.

Rules Question of the Month

A player teed his ball within the teeing ground. He made a stroke at the ball but missed it. He addressed the ball again and accidentally knocked it off the tee. What is the correct ruling?

- A) Two-Stroke Penalty
- B) Two –Stroke Penalty – play the ball as it lies.
- C) One stroke penalty
- D) No penalty

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2009 TANYARD COUNTRY CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

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DATE	TOURNAMENT / EVENT
7-Mar	Saturday Twilight (9-holes)*
14-Mar	St. Patrick's Day (9-holes)*
29-Mar	Member-Member Spring 2-person*
30-Mar	Aerify Front 9-Holes
31-Mar	Aerify Back 9-holes
10-Apr	Friday Twilight Warm-Up*
17-Apr	Friday Twilight Warm-Up*
18-Apr	Hook-A-Kid on Golf***
19-Apr	Twilight Kickoff (18-holes)*
24-Apr	Friday Twilight Begins*
25-Apr	Lion's Club***
27-Apr	Match Play Sign-Up Deadline*
2-May	Match Play Begins - 1st Round*
3-May	Member-Member Summer 2-person*
16-May	The Tanyard Scramble***
16-May	Match Play - 2nd Round*
23-May	L.C.H.S. Football***
30-May	Match Play - 3rd Round*
6-Jun	C.V.A.G.***
12-Jun	Rappahannock Electric***
13-Jun	Match Play - 4th Round*
15-Jun	L.A.B.P.***
15-19 Jun	Junior Clinics***
22-Jun	Rappahannock Valley Football Officials***
26-Jun	Member-Guest Practice Rounds*
27-Jun	Member-Guest 1st Round*
28-Jun	Member-Guest 2nd Round*
3-5 Jul	Flag Tournament*
25-Jul	Gold Mine Hunt Club***
26-Jul	The Tanyard Scramble***
10-Aug	K-9 Shootout***

4-Sep	Chamber of Commerce***
12-Sep	Club Championships - 1st Round*
13-Sep	Club Championships - 2nd Round*
21-Sep	Aerify Front 9-Holes
22-Sep	Aerify Back 9-holes
2-Oct	Final Friday Twilight*
4-Oct	Final Twilight (18-holes)*
9-Oct	Night Golf*
10-Oct	Belmont Ruritan***
12-Oct	Columbus Day***
13-Oct	Youth Tournament***
18-Oct	Member-Member Fall 2-Person*
19-Oct	Helping Hands***
25-Oct	20 VA Community Bank***
1-Nov	Louisa Boys Football***

*Members Only ***Open to the Public

COMING EVENTS

March 5 House Committee 3:00 pm
March 5 Duplicate Bridge 7:00 pm
March 7 Team Trivia 6:45 pm
March 7 Twilight Golf 9-holes 2:00 pm
March 10 Golf Committee 6:00 pm
March 11 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm
March 12 Duplicate Bridge 7:00 pm
March 13 Mahjong
March 14 St. Patrick's Day Dinner
March 14 St. Patty's Day Golf Tournament 9-holes 3:00 pm
March 19 Party Bridge 7:00 pm
March 21 Shrimp Feast
March 26 Duplicate Bridge 7:00 pm
March 27 Mahjong
March 28 Wine Dinner
March 29 Member/Member Golf Tournament

April 2 House Committee 3:00 pm
April 2 Duplicate Bridge 7:00 pm
April 4 Event Facility Fundraising 4:00 pm
April 8 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm
April 9 Duplicate Bridge 7:00 pm

April 10 Mahjong
April 12 Easter Brunch 10:30 am-1:30 pm
April 14 Golf Committee 6:00 pm
April 16 Party Bridge
April 18 Crab Feast
April 18 Hook-A-Kid Golf Tournament
April 19 Twilight Kick-off 18-holes 1:00 pm
April 23 Duplicate Bridge 7:00 pm
April 24 Mahjong
April 24 Twilight Golf Begins
April 25 Lions Golf Tournament
April 30 Duplicate Bridge

May 3 Member/Member Golf Tournament 1:30 pm
May 7 House Committee 3:00 pm
May 7 Duplicate Bridge 7:00 pm
May 8 Mahjong
May 12 Golf Committee 6:00 pm
May 14 Duplicate Bridge 7:00 pm
May 16 Annual Stockholders Meeting 8:00 pm
May 21 Party Bridge 7:00 pm
May 22 Mahjong
May 28 Duplicate Bridge

