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February 2012

The Update

MATTOON GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

MGCC BELTS OUT THE HITS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- ♦ **Mark Bovard**
President
- ♦ **Kirk Swenson**
Vice President/
Membership Committee
- ♦ **Barry Pelham**
Secretary/ Treasurer
- ♦ **Rick Podeschi**
Grounds Committee
- ♦ **Debra Sandercock**
House Committee
- ♦ **Tammy Ronchetti**
Social Committee/
Pool Committee

As part of the Grand-Reopening Weekend Festivities, the club hosted the Annual Karaoke Party on Saturday January 22nd. The area was hit with an ice storm on Friday night but that didn't stop the Ballroom from heating up with the smooth sounds of Solid Golden Saturday!

Jim McBride was responsible for spinning the

hits and a bevy of the membership provided the vocals for a memorable night.

The Night would not have been complete with out a rousing rendition of "Tequila" performed by Don Sandercock and Bill Butts.

The club plans to host more nights like the Karaoke event in the coming months, so watch your Update for more details!



Just Plain Old Rock and Roll at the MGCC

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

What time is it?

Don't look now but we are just six short weeks away from Springtime, and, Springtime means Tee Times!

In the meantime, please come and spend some time in the Clubhouse enjoying the various events and activities that we have planned. Also, please take time on March 8th at 5:30 p.m. and join us for our first 2012 membership meeting.

Do you have some spare time? We are looking for volunteers to serve on our golf and social committees. Please contact me if you are interested. There's no time like the present!

Mark E. Bovard
 President
 Board of Directors

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"A Journey Through France"

Saturday February 4th

Cocktails at 6:00

Dinner begins at 7:00

Menu

Amuse Bouche

Duck Confit Blini

First Course

La Salade Lyonnaise,

Mixed greens, tossed in a citrus vinaigrette,
 with poached quail egg

Second Course

Roasted Butternut Squash Soup

with Crème Fraiche

Third Course

Seared Scallops

with Ratatouille, Balsamic Reduction,
 and a Bacon, Potato, and Onion Salade

Intermezzo

Lemon Sorbet

Fifth Course

Sautéed Rabbit

With porcini mushrooms, white wine,
 carrots, and fingerling potatoes

Dessert

Crème Brulee

\$45.00 per person plus Tax and Gratuity.

Space is very limited

Join Us For Illini Basketball

Watch Parties

Featuring Great Food
and Drink Specials

Thursday February 9th- Tip-off at 7:00

Saturday February 18th- Tip-off at 4:00

Tuesday February 21st- Tip-off at 6:00

Please call 234-8831
to Reserve Your Seat!



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NOTES FROM THE CLUBHOUSE...

I would like to begin by expressing our deepest sympathies to the families of Warren Kepp and Lew Stiff. Both men exuded a great love for the Mattoon Golf and Country Club and the club will not be the same with out them. This club is full of great and caring people and these men were two of the finest. They will be missed.

The club is re-open and we haven't missed a beat! Our opening weekend was full of grand entertainment and lots of fun! We have had great crowds so far for the Illini Watch

Parties; its just too bad that the product on the court hasn't been up to the support from our audience! Even though the team has dropped a few, we will still continue to support them as they advance through the year.

The Italian Buffet was well received even through an ice storm. Those that did ford the weather seemed to enjoy the Prime Rib, Risotto and more! Rodney Smith and Joe Gallivan were also up to the challenge of keeping spirits bright for the evening.

Karaoke was lots of fun and created many lasting memories for the talent that performed. Mark Bovard clearly stole the show but there was a very impressive display of range and some great moves to boot!

We have lots in store for the new year including our French Night on February 4th. We have a great menu and fantastic wines paired with each course. This will truly be a memorable night, and we plan to offer more of these fantastic evenings as the year progresses.

For Valentine's Day, Chef Brent has prepared a fantastic menu of "Sweetheart Dinners" for your enjoyment. Please see the ad in this publication for more information.

Continuing with season, we will be offering Lenten and Ash Wednesday Specials and will have a menu centered around the Bayou for Mardi Gras on Fat Tuesday. Please watch your e-mail for details on all of these evenings.

Also in the works is a "Taste of the Heartland" Buffet for February 17th with a variety of hearty dishes such as Spinach Stuffed Pork Loin, Honey Glazed Chicken Breasts and my favorite, Smoked Gouda Mashed Yukon Gold Potatoes, to accompany our slow roasted Prime Rib.

March and the ensuing months will be full of a range of activities as well, so please keep your eyes on "The Update" as more information becomes available.

Thanks again for all of your support,

Patrick Biarkis
Clubhouse Manager



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

FOR THE MONTH ENDING
JANUARY 31ST, 2012

CLASS A	REGULAR GOLFING	127
CLASS E	REGULAR GOLF LIFETIME POOL	5
CLASS G	SOCIAL LIFETIME POOL	1
	CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP	5
	LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP	6
TOTAL STOCKHOLDING MEMBERS		144

CLASS B	SOCIAL	46
CLASS C I	JUNIOR ONE	3
CLASS C II	JUNIOR TWO	19
CLASS D	NON RESIDENT A	19
CLASS D	NON RESIDENT B	63

TOTAL NON STOCKHOLDING MEMBERS 150

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 294

In Memoriam

The Mattoon Golf and Country Club would like to express our deepest sympathies to the families of Warren Kepp and Lew Stiff. Both men will be greatly missed.

FROM THE ROUGH

GROUNDS REPORT FROM BRIAN BARNES, GROUNDS SUPERINTENDENT

What a winter! This has been an unusual winter to say the least. While taking a stroll and chasing geese with Callie, I was able to count over 20 golfers on the course in January! The unusually warm temperatures have also allowed us to be able to get out of the shop and do some cleanup on the course and around the clubhouse.

We have brought in all course supplies such as the tee blocks and sand rakes for winter cleaning and painting. We have left the flag sticks out and will continue to do so until the weather turns for good. I have applied a fungicide application to the greens and tees to prevent a fungus called Pink Snow Mold, which can occur with extended periods of snow cover. Andrew



Repairing a Drainage tile by Number Two green

and myself have been performing the winter service on the equipment and grinding the reels for the upcoming year.

One project we were able to complete was a drainage tile by the cart path turnaround by 2 green. This project was done in the late fall and has managed to stay dry since. I also have a few other small projects I would like to complete before the next golfing season such as cart path repair and maintenance to the irrigation system.

We have had many calls this winter about servicing member carts and mowers. Andrew and I are able to perform this service and you may make an appointment by calling us at the shop at 234-3572. March will be here before you know it!



HOME-STYLE NIGHTS AT THE CLUB

Weeknights the club will offer a variety of dishes just like mom used to make. From fried chicken to beef stroganoff, you are bound to find something that will bring you home! Please watch your e-mail for details on these special nights!

Just to pique your taste buds, here are a few of the menus that we have planned:

Tuesday February 7th-
-Fried Chicken
Four Pieces of crispy hand-breaded chicken served with mashed potatoes and white gravy with the vegetable of the day and choice of soup or salad. **-\$9.95**



Thursday February 9th-
-All-You-Can-Eat Pasta
Build your own pasta with a choice pastas served in a selection of sauces all accompanied with garlic bread and choice of soup or salad **-\$9.95**

Wednesday February 15th-
- Beef Stroganoff.
Tender chunks of beef in a rich mushroom sauce served over egg noodles with mashed potatoes and you're choice of soup or salad **-\$9.95**

Thursday February 23rd-
-All-You-Can-Eat Catfish
Southern Style hand breaded catfish fillets served with baked potato and cole slaw with your choice of soup or salad. **-\$9.95**

Catch of the Day....

Thursday February 23rd

All-You-Can-Eat Catfish

Served with Baked Potato and Cole Slaw only \$9.95!!!



Please call 234-8831 to make a reservation!

Valentine's Day at the Club

Tuesday February 14th, 2012

Sweethearts' Menu



Share an Appetizer
Crab Stuffed Mushrooms
Spicy Grilled Jumbo Shrimp
Artichoke and Tomato Bruschetta

Choice of Soup or Salad

Share a Main Course
Twin Petite Filets of Beef Tenderloin
Served with Dijon Demi- Glace and Roasted Garlic Cream Sauces,
Herbed Yukon Mashed Potatoes and Vegetable of the day

Chicken Marsala
Tender, Twin Grilled Chicken Breasts with a Marsala- Mushroom Sauce,
served over Herbed Yukon Mashed Potatoes with the Vegetable of the Day

Sautéed Fillets of Sole
Served with a Lemon Cream Sauce, Rice Pilaf, and Vegetable of the Day

Lobster Ravioli
Tossed In a Lobster- Tomato Cream Sauce, and served with Garlic Bread



Share a Dessert
Flourless Chocolate Cake with Cappuccino Gelato
Caribbean Rum Cake
Raspberry Dream Cake

All Four Courses For \$45.00 plus tax and gratuity PER COUPLE
Please Call 234-8831 for reservations

"A Taste of the Heartland"

Prime Rib Buffet

Friday February 17th, 2012

Buffet to feature:

Hand Carved Prime Rib
Spinach Stuffed Herbed Pork Loin
Chipotle Cinnamon Salmon
Honey Glazed Chicken Breasts
Roasted Rosemary- Garlic Potatoes
Smoked Gouda Whipped Yukon Potatoes
Steamed Broccoli
Country Style Green Beans
Garden Salad
Artichoke and Roasted Pepper Soup
Assorted Desserts

\$8.95 for kids 5-11
\$19.95 for 12 and up,

Please call 234-8831 for reservations

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SO IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A LOCATION TO ENTERTAIN, LOOK NO FURTHER THAN THE CLUB! IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ON OUR BANQUETS, PLEASE CONTACT PATRICK AT PATRICK@MATTOONCOUNTRYCLUB.COM OR 234-8831

Last Sunday Brunch

Join us for our Last Sunday Buffet!!
Sunday February 26, 2012

Featuring Eggs Benedict, Omelets to order, Biscuits and Gravy, Home-style Lunch and Breakfast Meats, Pasta and Side Dishes, an array of desserts, Live Music, and much more!!!

Available from 10:00-2:00

\$14.95++ for Adults,
\$7.95++ for kids 5-11

**Please call the reservation line at 234-8831 to sign up!

FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Ladies Open Bridge	2	3	4 French Dinner
5	6	7	8 Ladies Open Bridge	9 Illini Watch Party	10	11 Club Closed for Private Event
12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 Ladies Open Bridge	16	17 Friday Night Buffet	18 South Porch Closed for Private Event Illini Watch Party
19	20	21 Fat Tuesday Illini Watch Party	22 Ladies Open Bridge Ash Wednesday	23 All-You-Can-Eat Catfish	24	25 Club Closed for Private Event
26 Last Sunday Brunch Buffet	27	28	29 Ladies Open Bridge	Notes:		

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MARCH 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Illini Watch Party	2	3
4	5	6	7 Ladies Open Bridge	8 Membership Meeting Big Ten Tourney	9 Big Ten Tourney	10 Dueling Pianos Big Ten Tourney
11 Big Ten Tourney	12 NCAA Tourney	13 NCAA Tourney	14 Ladies Open Bridge NCAA Tourney	15 NCAA Tourney	16 NCAA Tourney	17 Club Closed for Private Event St. Patrick's Day at the Club NCAA Tourney
18 NCAA Tourney	19 NCAA Tourney	20 NCAA Tourney	21 Ladies Open Bridge NCAA Tourney	22 NCAA Tourney	23 NCAA Tourney	24 Friday Night Buffet NCAA Tourney
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