

2009 HOUSE REPORT

In 2009, the House Committee continued to address structural improvements to the Clubhouse, as well as decor enhancements. During the winter months of 2008/09, a roof was installed over the kitchen compound to protect the outside refrigeration units from the year round elements and provide a safe working environment. In addition, a portion of the compound was enclosed and made accessible from the back entrance hall. This enclosure now provides much needed storage space for our dining room chairs and portable serving tables. To address the deterioration of the front porch of the Old Clubhouse, renovations were approved which upgraded its structural stability and converted the area into much needed office space. Through the season, replacement windows were also added where required in the Administration Office and the Board Room.

I am pleased to announce that all of the renovations were done within budget.

Also through the winter months, the old lower lobby carpet was replaced with the same carpet as the stairwell leading downstairs. This now provides a consistent look from the main floor to the Ladies` and Men`s Locker Rooms. During the spring months, the Committee focused on patio enhancements designed to provide an enjoyable seating environment. These improvements included the purchase of triangular canopy ends to create more shade, the installation of patio lighting in the roof of the canopies and the surrounding garden area, the painting of the canopy structure and the purchase of a new gas BBQ. These improvements were also done on budget. In the spring, the Club took a proactive position with respect to the consumption of alcohol at the Club after the issues surrounding the Lake Joseph Golf Club incident were publicized. This resulted in the creation of the Caterer`s Service of Alcohol Policy and the Blue Mountain Golf and Country Club Intoxication Policy. These policies were written to ensure the responsible consumption of alcohol at our Club.

Through the season, the Committee reviewed wall decor throughout the building. Many thanks to John Burton for donating 15% of each sale of his art work to our Junior Golf Program. To ensure the desired look in the Lobby, the Club purchased the forest scene on display. In the fall, the Committee discussed the promotion of a 2010 "Art at the Club" weekend to provide an opportunity for our members to showcase their talents. The request for sub-committee volunteers was successful. Details pertaining to this event will be forwarded to the membership once confirmed. Sound issues in the dining room were also discussed. Improvement options are being reviewed by the members of the 2010 House Committee.

In addition to the popularity of the events on the 2009 social calendar, the House Committee was very pleased with the average weekly attendance of 60 people for the Friday Night dinners. Many thanks to Chef Bob and his staff for providing quality food and service. Overall the Food and Beverage program finished the year with a 9% reduction in gross sales over last year. Much of this was due to the inconsistent weather through the season effecting patio and dining room use. This was the 12th year with Chef Bob as our caterer. We are pleased that Bob and his staff are, once again, confirmed for the 2010 season.

As House Chair, it was a pleasure for me to work with this year`s Committee being Barbara Bartlett, Stu Brown, Bonnie Gibson, Betty Witthun and General Manager, Jim Malley. I wish to thank them for their hard work and dedication as we continue to improve the quality and image of our Clubhouse facility.

Respectfully submitted,

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House Committee-Chair