

Augusta Country Club

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January 2009 Newsletter



ATTENTION ALL!

PROXY FORMS!
Proxy forms are included with this newsletter for the 2009 Annual Stockholders meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2009, complete a Proxy form and drop or mail it to the Augusta Country Club, 1610 Fairway, Augusta, Kansas 67010.

The Proxy form will allow Club President Tyler Woodrow to cast votes on your behalf.

GO GREEN!
with E-Newsletters!
On your membership renewal forms, please include your e-mail address!
Beginning in 2009, the club will e-mail the quarterly newsletter to all members who wish to receive it via e-mail. This will save the club several hundred dollars in postage, envelope and handling each year. Members without e-mail will still receive a paper copy of the newsletter.

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Augusta Country Club has new Superintendent: J.T. Smith



J.T. graduated in 1997 with a degree in Horticulture with an emphasis in Turf Management from Kansas State University.

He has held Superintendent positions in Kansas and Texas before coming home to the course where he first learned the game. With his previous experience and attention to detail, he hopes to impress the golfers here at Augusta. The use of new research and a progressive approach with chemicals and fertilizers will produce

healthy, vigorously growing greens, which will provide a smooth and true putting surface for our golfers. New technology & smarter Chemistry will also help conserve water usage during the hot summer months.

J.T. is planning an April wedding to Jennifer (J.L.) White. He is currently taking the R.C.I.A. classes to convert to Catholicism. Together they will raise Jennifer's son, Jaden, 16, in their Catholic home in Wichita. Jennifer is currently working at The Wichita Eagle as a Sales Representative.

“Thank you” from the ACC Board of Directors

By Tyler Woodrow, Augusta Country Club President

As President, I want to thank everyone for their support and help in making this year a success. Most of you know it was a trying year with Kevin Hayden and Seth Davis leaving for other employment. The board had to make numerous decisions in a short time. With no records we started out in the dark and \$8000 in debt plus we had to pay Kevin for inventory and fixtures. With members volunteering their time and the wet year we were able to pay off our debt from last year.

The board would like to give special thanks to Bill Richey for being the Junior Golf Coordinator with the help of Bob Lytton, Tom Reiling, Wayne Mathias, Sam Reed, Bill Price, Len Hudson and Terry Pennington. With these efforts along with money from the Neil Parish Memorial Fund we were able to build the Second Shot driving range and make a profit of over \$3000. The other person I would like to thank is Vern Ecton for picking up all the balls. This was at no cost to the club.

A special “thank you” goes to Tom Reiling, Mike Schwemmer and Dave Horenkamp for revitalizing the 19th Hole Club. I think it was Dave's cooking that did it. A special “thank you” to Bill Price, Ross Lietzke and Dave Horenkamp - they are the individuals who helped Juin Robinson with mowing when we lost Seth Davis to Clapp Golf Course. If they had not volunteered their time, you would never have found a golf ball in the rough.

Again I would like to give a special “thank you” to Bill Richey for coordinating and making our golf tournaments successful. Bill and Sam Reed were responsible for the Ghin Handicap being updated to save the club money.

I would like to thank the ladies and I'm sorry I don't know all the names of who participated in the beautification of the front flower bed. It was definitely needed. Along with this we had two work days in November that were needed to help our new Superintendent, J. T. Smith. I would like to thank all who participated. I am not listing all the names as I can't remember seeing so many people volunteering their time for two weekends and I know I would leave someone out. You know who you are and THANK YOU.

“Thank you” from the ACC Board of Directors

By Mike Schwemmer, Augusta Country Club Board of Directors

First and foremost we would like to thank Juin Robinson. Without him stepping up to help the ACC, we might not have been able to keep the course open this summer. Many of us take for granted the time and effort required to maintain the golf course. Juin was willing to be there at sunrise or before, spending hours mowing and watering 6 or 7 days a week, just so many of us - after we had read the paper, had our coffee and took our leisurely time - could go to the course to play the game we love and to socialize. Did you ever tell Juin thanks for his willingness and hard work? Some of you did and I know he appreciated it. We put a lot on his shoulders and he carried it well !!! A BIG THANK YOU JUIN !!!!!

We also want to thank Bill Price and Ross Lietzke. They put in countless hours on the mowers this summer. Without their willingness to volunteer their help, we would have been playing in pretty tall grass. Remember all the rain? Thank you, Bill and Ross!

AUGUSTA COUNTRY CLUB WILL BE ALRIGHT BECAUSE WE HAVE MEMBERS WHO CARE. All we had to do is ask and many others also stepped up to help. That is why we will survive. Thank you to all.

2009 membership forms enclosed

The 2009 membership form to the Augusta Country Club is enclosed with this newsletter. As in the past a 5% discount is offered to member renewing and paying a full year's membership before February 1, 2009.

If you don't wish to pay a full year, then auto-pay through your bank checking or savings account is available. The monthly amounts are shown on the membership form and are a twelve-month commitment.

Current members on auto-pay need do nothing as their current deductions will continue in 2009. Auto-pay members are asked to complete a membership form and return it to the clubhouse.

Directors needed for 2009 Board

Three new directors will be needed for the full three year directors term beginning in January 2009. If you are interested in becoming a board member and helping to improve your golf club, contact Jill at the clubhouse, Tyler Woodrow or any board member. In addition to the three full term directors positions the club will need replacements for members who have resigned. Currently the club needs one one-year director and one two-year director.

The requirements for being on the Board of Directors are that you must own stock in the Country Club and must have a paid up golf membership while serving on the board.

November work days yielded a more beautiful golf course . . . thanks!



November was a busy month at the Country Club. On two consecutive Saturdays, volunteers swarmed the Country Club and under the guidance of new Superintendent J. T. Smith, performed a variety of cleanup and maintenance chores.

The volunteers cut and removed a number of dead pine trees, removed sagging cement around the clubhouse, filled in around the building with dirt, cleaned out lockers in the basement and cleaned out the basement.

Our thanks to Jill Keazer, Tyler Woodrow, Wayne Mathias, Mike Schwemmer, Rusty Patterson, Pat Brown, Dave Horenkamp, Tom Reiling, Bill Richey, John and Donya Threm, Eric Johnson, Ralph and Sherry Stareck, Jay Lewis, Richard Bartholomew, Steve Lawson, Chad Wallace, Bill Price, Dan Stanyer and Len Hudson.

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