

Celebrating over 100 Years 1893-2010



"Can we wave the American flag too much, when we wave it with integrity!"

From the Exalted Ruler

Hello to everyone from the sunny Muncie Elks Lodge. Well we finally made it through winter and right into a beautiful spring. I would like to welcome all of the snow birds back from cold Florida, nice to have you back with us.

Once again Rick "Spanky" Ellis had the golf course in great shape for this time of the year, great job Spanky. And of course our pro Goetz Schaffer had the pro shop stocked with new clubs and shirts and other new items, oh yes how could we forget about the flag shorts, keep up the good job Goetz.

There are some new faced in the bar, we welcome back Tammy and Say hello to Tine and Amber, welcome and good luck. If you haven't been in the lodge for a meal during the day, what are you waiting for? We welcome our new "chef" Charles. Talk about some good food, during the day come out for lunch or an early dinner or just come in and say hello to everybody.

Once again the spring clean-up was a great success with over 30 members coming out to help with the clean-up. A special thank you to

all that helped. A job well done.

I would like to congratulate a couple of people, Paul McCord - Citizen of the Year, Bret Ware - Officer of the Year, and Tim Carnes - Elk



L-R: Brett Ware - Officer of the Year,
Tim Carnes - Elk of the Year. Not Pictured:
Paul McCord - Citizen of the Year

of the Year. To each of you, I thank you for all you do, for the lodge and the member of our lodge, we thank you.

We have something to bring up about parking. If you are not handicapped please do not park in those spots and the spot at the beginning of the parking lot toward the pro shop. That spot is not for parking, it is blocked off for delivery trucks to make the turn. So please be kind and don't park

in the no parking spaces.

Don't forget that Friday Night Couples has started and with that our Friday night dinner is back. Grab someone for couples and come and enjoy a great dinner for a great price.

Please don't forget to fix your divots and ball marks, and without your support, we have no lodge.

Support Your Lodge,
Johnny Miller, Exalted Ruler

From the Desk of the Secretary

Lodge dues were due April 1st. If not paid, you are not permitted to use the club, including the golf course. A delinquent list has been posted in the pro shop and bar. If you are not planning to renew your membership, you should send in a written request asking for an Absolute Demit. This should be done immediately.

Even though you may have purchased a golf membership, you still must be current on your lodge dues to be permitted to use the golf course or club facilities.

If you have chosen to pay your golf membership on the payment plan, your

payments are due the first of each month. We do not send out notices when due.

Members who make house charges at the bar and in the Pro Shop are reminded to pay the balance each month upon receiving your statement or a late fee will be assessed.

In closing I wish to thank the membership for displaying their confidence in me by electing me to serve as Lodge Secretary for the coming year. I will do my best to be as efficient and available as Jerry Moore has been in the past.

Dave Fuller

Coming Events

2010

May

- May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Weekly Drawing
6:00 p.m.
- May 3 Lodge Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- May 17 Lodge Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- May 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29
Texas Holdem - 6:00 p.m.
- May 1, 8, 15, 22, 27
Texas Hold em - 1:00 p.m.
- May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Weekly Drawing
6:00 p.m.
- May 6, 13, 20, 27 Men's Night - 5:30 p.m.
- May 7, 14, 21, 28 Friday Couples

June

- June 7 Lodge Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- June 21 Lodge Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- June 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 28
Texas Hold em - 6:00 p.m.
- June 5, 12, 19, 26 Texas Hold em - 1:00 p.m.
- June 3, 10, 17, 24 Men's Night - 5:30 p.m.
- June 4, 11, 18, 25 Friday Couples.

Spring Hours

OFFICE HOURS

Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

BAR HOURS

Monday, Thursday 11 a.m. - ?
Tues., Wed. 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday - Saturday 11 a.m. - ?
Sunday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

*Bar hours subject to change due to weather
Closing is left to bartender's discretion.*

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LODGE MEETINGS
 1st and 3rd Mondays
 7:30 P.M.

2009-2010 OFFICERS

EXALTED RULER.....Johnny Miller
LEADING KNIGHT..... Jeff Perkins
LOYAL KNIGHT.....Brett Ware
LECTURING KNIGHT.....Bart Ware
SECRETARY.....Dave Fuller
TREASURER.....Steve Aul
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CHAPLAIN..... Jimmy Wood
INNER GUARD.....Jeff Leist
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Lodge Fax: 759-4734
Golf Pro...Goetz Schaefer
Golf Course Superintendent...Rick Ellis

Important to know

First Aid room location:

- Located in the Manager's Office & Pro Shop
- Oxygen tank in coat room across from bar

Lost anything lately? Check the lost and found box in the manager's office. We have several pairs of glasses and cases, gloves, hats, a club cover and some miscellaneous items.

Notes from the Pro

It has been a great start to the year as temps have been up and the golf course is hi great shape. Thanks to all those who played in the Men's opening scramble last weekend. Congratulations to the winning team of Brian Hickok, Rick Shirk, Mike McCoy & Dave Hinkle which shot a 59. Brian Kunz, Charlie Hodson, Rick Gragg & Bud Roberston finished second one shot back. Men's Night got started last week with one of the best turnouts yet. We play a nine hole shotgun every Thursday starting at 5:30 so be sure to sign up in the shop for next week. Friday Couples is also going so make sure all your games are set and let the pro know each week who you are playing with.

Upcoming May Events include the Men's Pick Your Partner May 1st, the YOC golf outing is the 14th, Event #3 Wolf is May 15th, Muncie District Best Ball is at Crestview is on the 16th, the Ladies ABCD Best Ball tournament is the 22nd, and the Memorial Day Scramble is the 31st at 9:00.

June has several events as well. The Aly McCann Scholarship tournament in memory of Doug Ferguson's daughter is the 11th & 12th at 9:00. We are looking for some elk members to help fill the field on Saturday. The second Men's Pick Your Partner is on the 13th, and the Men's Member/Guest practice round is the 25th & the tournament is Saturday the 26th. Junior Camp starts Tuesday June 15th and continues every Tuesday until July 20th with the Tournament day. Be sure to sign up your kids and grandkids in the shop today. The cost is still \$40 per child. Remember that on Tuesdays one nine will be closed for the kids to play after instruction until 12:00. Thanks for your patience. Just a reminder we are taking tee times on Weekends so be sure to call Thursday for times.

Demo Days Scheduled: Ping Demo & Fitting Day June 5th 8:00-12:00 Cobra Demo Day June 13th 8:00 - 12:00

Mark your Calendars and check the website (www.muncieelks.com) for upcoming events and results.

Thanks, Goetz

Golf Course Superintendent

Dear Members

First off, I would like to thank the roughly 40 members who came out and helped make our annual clean up day a huge success. It is truly amazing how much we can get done in such a short

amount of time. Special thanks to Tim Carnes, who year after year, comes through with some equipment that makes this day a little easier on all of us.

As the season gets going, we are busy trying to keep the rough under control, as well as getting a few little things done also. Some of you may have noticed that we are in the process of edging all of the bunkers for the first time this year. We are also going to try a few no mow areas as well. Before everyone gasps and grabs their chest like they are having the big one, there are only three of them and they are as far out of the way as you can get. Right of 11 tee, the "dump area" between 6 & 10 fairways, and behind 15 green. This will save us not only labor, but fuel and wear and tear on the equipment. By no means are we looking to turn this place into a heather filled golf course, but in these times we have to do what we can to become more fiscally responsible.

On a similar note, it was brought to my attention at the last board meeting that "some" members (Twiggs) have inquired about the possibility of raising the height of cut on the fairways. My response to them was simply no, and I gave them the reasons for that answer and told them I would also communicate this with you, the members. I understand that some of you may enjoy the extra "cushion" of the higher cut grass, but it poses problems for me from a maintenance standpoint. We are trying to promote the health of the bent grass that is in our fairways. Raising the height of cut would increase the competition of the rye grass and poa that is also in them. Another problem with growing them out is that the bent grass becomes puffy and is scalped when mowed. Surface feeding insects also become more of a problem at increased heights. I hope this helps explain the reasons for the height that we cut the fairways.

Finally a few informational items. We will be closed Monday May 3rd for our annual spring aerification. We will be following the same procedure as last year. Small solid tines with no sand. Greens should be totally recovered in less than a week. And as most of you know, my little boy Tony Quinn has finally found a "real" job. Tony has been working for me for most of the 11 years that I have been here. He has been a great employee and good friend. I wish him nothing but the best of luck in his new position. And hope he knows he can still work weekends if he wants.

Rick Ellis

Golf Course Superintendent

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Change Of By-Laws

Article III: Life Memberships

Section 1 : Remains the same

Section 2: Remains the same

Section 3 : Life membership, section 2, has been changed to read: A lodge by affirmative secret ballot of two thirds of those present at a regular lodge meeting, elect a member in good standing to Honorary Life Membership for distinguished services to the lodge or to the order as long a such member has been a member of the lodge for a period of 10 consecutive years. Mere services as a lodge officer or committeeman shall not be considered as sufficient distinguished services;

Section 4: At no time shall life memberships exceed 10% of the total membership in the Muncie Lodge #245. Members who become eligible will be placed on a waiting list and be voted on and granted the Life Membership as vacancies occur. While on the waiting list, the member's dues will be reduced to one-half of the regular lodge dues.

Section 4 becomes Section 5

Section 4 on the duties of the secretary shall be changed to read as follows: For faithful performance of the secretary's duties, he or she shall receive as compensation \$4,000 per annum, payable monthly, plus a couple's membership, and a free cart for the secretary.

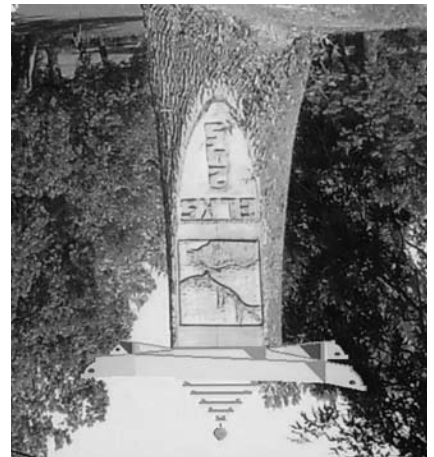
To be voted on at the May 17th meeting

Special Notice

2010 GOLF FEES (remain the same as 2009)

Single Membership	\$575
Couples	\$850
Family	\$850 + \$50 for each child
Widow	\$325
Junior	\$200 + \$50 for each additional child
Cart Rental	9 Holes \$7.50 18 Holes \$15.00
Cart Pass	12 Rides \$165 Unlimited
Rider Cart Pass	\$ 1,000

New members can pay \$400, which includes initiation fee, lodge dues, and single golf membership for the first year. Spouse and children can be added for \$50 each.



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