

# Shawnee Country Club

1910 CELEBRATING 100 YEARS 2010



## Newsletter – Winter 2010

January - February - March

### **From the President**

I hope everyone had a great holiday and my best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year. Your Board of Directors elected officers for next year. I thank them for the confidence they have shown in me as I will be your President for the upcoming year.

Dave Thomas will service as Vice President, Emily Walborn as Secretary and Ann Algar as Treasurer. Ray Boeckmann was elected to the appointed position on the Board.

We have also determined that Shawnee Country Club will be 100 years old this year. The board is looking to celebrate this with special events during the year.

Have a great Winter and I am looking forward to seeing everyone in the Spring.

### *Shawnee Country Club Board 2009-2010*

Howard Halpern- President  
Dave Thomas- Vice President  
Emily Walborn- Secretary  
Ann Algar- Treasurer  
Mark Halliwell SMGA  
Eva Haden SWGA  
Len Schlosberg  
Joyce Reese  
Andy Rienstra  
Ray Boeckmann  
Rob Howell- General Manager of Shawnee Inn  
Joe Manley- Head Golf Professional  
Gordon Way

### *Special Advisors to the Board*

Steve Taggart- Director of Golf  
Pam Bisbing- Social Chairperson

Howard Halpern  
**Social Chair**

As most of you know, Joyce Reese has handed over the chair of the Social Committee to me, Pam Bisbing. Thankfully, prior to giving up the position she set up the social calendar for 2010 and also told me that she will be available to assist me in any way, and for that I am very grateful. I would also like to publicly thank Joyce for her many years of dedication and service to the Club and to let her know that we appreciate all that she has done.

Most of the events will remain similar to the past, but we would like to add some new things that will hopefully encourage more member participation. Having said that, I am fairly new to many of the things that go on at Shawnee so if anyone has any suggestions or ideas for this year's social events please don't hesitate to call or e-mail me. I look forward to working with the committee and making our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Country Club an exciting and busy year.

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### **Country Club Bridge**

Shawnee Bridge Club will meet in the Member's Club Room Thursday, January 14 at 7:00PM. We hopefully will have our teacher there by then. I am waiting for a call from her. Please RSVP so Len and I can have tables prepared for our numbers. ([EHaddon469@aol.com](mailto:EHaddon469@aol.com))

**Eva Haddon & Len Schlosberg , Co-Chairs**

### **From the Director of Golf**

December has brought some snow to protect the course from the Winter elements. It also allows time to reflect on this past season. While the economy has hurt many places (Harkers Hollow CC just closed its doors last week), here at Shawnee our course is weathering the downturn. We finished the '09 season with 22 new members and an increase of 1,500 rounds of golf. I feel that it was a great accomplishment considering the economy and the extremely wet Summer we experienced. Thanks to all who have supported the Club and made it possible. Remember that there are incentives to bring in new members so that they may enjoy the same facility as you. With everyone's help, the Club can continue to grow and become a greater asset to the resort.

**Steve Taggart**

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## SMGA Tournament Chair

I hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable Holiday season! Just a few more months and we'll be playing golf at Shawnee again.

I was recently asked why all of our tournaments begin very early in the morning. Unfortunately, this is going to fall into the category of "you can't please all of the people all of the time". Our non-holiday shotgun starts traditionally begin at 7:30am. Since the course is completely empty at 7:30am, it's the easiest time to have a shotgun. We also have meals after these tournaments which is why they are shotgun starts in the first place. Tournaments that do not have meals following used to be played at 12:09pm (with tee time starts). I had numerous complaints about that because the majority (note "majority") of the players prefer to play in the morning. Sooooo, I moved those tournaments to 8:30am tee time starts. Well of course, not everyone always wants to play in the morning (which is neither surprising nor unreasonable). However, I'm going to keep it as "majority rules" since there are much fewer complaints with 8:30am tee times versus 12:09pm tee times. PLEASE KEEP READING! Now, I was also asked about our majors and their tee times. We have 4 "major" tournaments – President's Cup, Governor's Cup, Member/Member and the Club Championships. The President's Cup and Governor's Cup have always had 7:30am shotgun starts followed by lunch. The Member/Member is a 2 day event with an 8:30am tee time and a 7:30am shotgun (with lunch). The Club Championships are scheduled to begin at 7:30am, BUT these matches can be moved as long as both parties agree (and we've had very few problems in the past). Sooooo, this year our Governor's Cup will be an 8:00am shotgun start. I've spoken with Joe and he has agreed to do this for us and still keep the spacing that he can provide with a 7:30am start. He cannot afford to do it any later and still keep the spacing because it would take up too many additional tee times (if you want further explanation, please ask either Joe or me). I know that it's not much, but it's something. We'll now have a 7:30am President's Cup, 8:00am Governors Cup, 8:30am/7:30am 2 day Member/Member and a flexible Club Championship, so not all majors are strictly 7:30am. Sorry, but this is the best that I can do to try and keep the "majority" happy. Pretty long paragraph for a 30 minute difference!

**KNOW THE RULES** – I'll keep this one short

What do you do if you and a playing partner inadvertently play each other's ball (this happens more often than you would think)?

Answer – they are both played as lost balls. Take 'em back and hit 'em again with a stroke penalty. This goes back to being able to identify your ball. Another reason that you should put an identifying mark on your ball.

See you in the Spring!

**Doug Picano**

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**SMGA First Tournament of 2010 April 10<sup>th</sup>  
President's Reception April 24<sup>th</sup>**

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