

## Membership Report August 25, 2021

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**At this time we are recommending several by law changes for your consideration.**

We feel these changes to be beneficial to the Membership at large.

The first one **Reference 3.01 Membership, Section D**, to remove the month requirement for Juniors is simply to be more inclusive. We have had request to join where they were age six after the April 1<sup>st</sup> cutoff.

The second one **Reference 3.01 Membership , section F Medical leave**, is to clarify and allow our members to apply for more than one medical leave throughout their membership.

The third one **Reference 2.04 Payment of fees**. This change is to simplify the process. Originally the tier schedule was a great idea as a deterrent to late payment of fees. However it has worked very well and we feel we can now achieve the same desired outcome with one late fee amount of \$150 plus applicable taxes.

The final recommended change **Reference 2.02** regarding the cap being lowered from 850 to 775 is we feel necessary and a little overdo. We are confident this will help lower some of the pressure for booking tee times. (There is still more to do)

We have been experiencing issues with booking on the Tee Sheet a couple of years before Covid. The Board appointed a Tee Sheet Management Committee comprised of Members from both Long Range Planning and Membership to seek solutions.

We have been basing our budget on 775 members for the past several years.

Thanks to all of the hard work on the Tee Management Committee we had a lot of data to work with. We have consistently had a 60/40 split with members and green fees (including groups). This has allowed us to maintain our budget with little impact on dues. We know how many rounds are played on average by members etc., lots of data to work with. We know over the past several years we have taken on a substantial number of new members who are averaging the same number of rounds as our existing members, however considerably higher than the members they have replaced. This has added to the pressure on the tee Sheet.

We know that for many reasons more people are playing golf, some Covid related, folks retiring early, folks moving back to NS and loving our area. We have existing members averaging more rounds. This year alone we took in more than 70 new members. On average 30 to 35 members per year do not come back for various reasons.

Thank you.