

## **2010 SPRING NEWS LETTER**

This year is the **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of the PHGA. To many of you, it probably seems like yesterday.

**PALATINE HILLS PERMANENT TEE TIME APPLICATIONS:** The applications will be mailed out on March 15, 2010 to all of last year's representatives. If you do not receive your renewal letter and application by March 22, I suggest that you pick one up at the Pro Shop or Park District office on Wood Street. The **DEADLINE** for applications is March 31, and they **MUST BE DELIVERED** to the pro shop between March 22 and March 31. The drawing will be held on Thursday April 1st at Cutting Hall, 7:00 PM, see you there.

**SPRING SMOKER:** The Spring Smoker is the free annual kick-off to our golf season. It is a fun night to get re-acquainted with fellow members, meet new members, enjoy something to eat and drink, and participate in a raffle to help offset the costs of the Smoker. This year it will be held at the **PALATINE HILLS CLUB HOUSE, APRIL 2nd<sup>d</sup> at 7:00 P.M.** The PHGA provides beverages and food for the event.

If you are looking for a weekend foursome to play in (regular or part time) the smoker is the best place to find a group.

Traditionally, members bring gifts for our raffle, and tickets are sold for the various gifts. Last year we had several sponsors that provided additional gifts, dinners, golf lessons, gift cards, free golf, and golf apparel, making it a great event. If you have plans to attend, **Please bring a raffle gift that you would be pleased to receive!** You can also pay your dues, last minute sign-up for the 2-Person Scramble (space available), and sign-up for our annual Match Play Event.

### **UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:**

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| March 26 | Palatine Hills Opens (weather permitting)   |
| March 27 | 1 <sup>st</sup> PHGA Pot Game   |
| April 1  | PRST Drawing  |
| April 2  | PHGA Spring Smoker  |
| April 3  | PHGA 2-Person Scramble (Mark Schranz, Chairman)   |
| April 24 | 1 <sup>st</sup> PRST Tee time ( <b>Dues must be current to receive the benefits of the Pot Games</b> ). |
| May 20   | Traveling Event to Ravisloe Country Club  |
| May 31   | Memorial Day Holiday Event (John Helpap & Larry Niemczyk, Chairmen)                                     |
| June 24  | Traveling Event to Bartlett Hills Golf Club   |
| July 5   | Independence Day Holiday Event  |

**MEMBERSHIP DUES:** Dues were increased to \$50.00 in 2009, \$40.00 if paid by May 1<sup>st</sup> (by mail to Joe Saccomanno, 45 E. Gilbert, Palatine, IL 60067, or at the Smoker) and \$42.00 (by PayPal). After May 1<sup>st</sup> dues will be \$50.00.

**ID CARDS:** This year the Resident ID card will cost \$10.00, and \$50.00 for non-residents. Renewals for residents can be paid at the Community Center, Birchwood Park or Falcon Park. Non-resident renewals can also be paid at Palatine Hills.

**GOLF COURSE RENOVATION UPDATE:** The bunkers and collars have all been completed.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

Two members of the PHGA were honored on February 6 for their volunteer work by the Palatine Park District. Bob Mathieson received the Palatine Park District Volunteer of the Year Award and Bob Alexander received the distinguished, Palatine Park District Honor Roll Award (this is for lifetime achievement).



**Bob Mathieson**

Bob Mathieson has been a resident of Palatine for over 35 years. Bob has been an avid golfer at Palatine Hills Golf Course since 1976 and has served on the Palatine Hills Golf Association

Board of Directors for 30 years. His positions have ranged from countless committee chairmanships to elected leadership roles on the Board including President in 1983.

Bob helped spearhead the GEM (Golf Enjoyed More) program at Palatine Hills. This program allows golfers over the age of 65 with all ability levels to enjoy equal competition in the game of golf.

He offered his love and knowledge of landscaping to chair the committee to design and implement the Palatine Hills shrubbery logo between the 10<sup>th</sup> Tee Box and the 18<sup>th</sup> hole.

In addition to Bob's passion for golf, he has volunteered his time and resources in Palatine youth sports when his two children were active in many programs within the Palatine Park District. Bob Mathieson's credentials certainly qualify him for 2009 Volunteer of the Year.



**Bob Alexander**

The Board of Park Commissioners and Director Gbur nominate Robert (Bob) Alexander, a long-time Palatine Park District resident, for the Park District's Honor Roll. Bob has been a member of the Palatine Hills Golf Association since 1970, served for many years on the PHGA Board, and was elected President of the organization for the 2000 season. Besides being a member of the PHGA for many years, Bob has been the PHGA liaison to the Park Board of Commissioners since the late 1990s religiously attending meetings and workshops updating the Board on PHGA happenings, relating PHGA ideas/suggestions, and was known to be a conduit back to the Association.

Being a long-time supporter of the Palatine Park District through his direct volunteer efforts, related scout activities and public relations efforts around town, Bob epitomizes a resident who has given countless volunteer hours to improve the youth and adult recreation opportunities in our community. In our eyes, Bob is the definition of a Palatine Park District Honor Roll member.



**2010 PHGA BOARD MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF THE RECIPIENTS**

Left to right (Dave Gish, Gary Schwietz, Rick Hapanowicz, Jim Haffey, Jim Toth, Ken Mattuck, Jim Jessogne, Bob Mathieson, Scott Feldmiller, Bob Alexander, Bill Horton, Larry Niemczyk, Bob Bem, Bob Silver)

Hope to see you all at the Spring Smoker,  
Bob Bem  
President