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Happy holidays to everyone!

We are sending warm thanks to all of our members, guests, volunteers, and the entire organization for choosing to play and support Champlain Country Club in 2018. It was a great summer filled with lots of sun and warm weather. We are looking forward to a new year that's equally good and paired with as much generous sunshine.

Here's a quick recap of 2018.

- We searched for and hired our new superintendent, Chris Saylor.
- In April, we had a well-attended green up day, and then we received our new fleet of golf carts.
- To repair some problem areas, the grounds crew did a terrific job taking sod from various areas on the course to repair skunk damage. There are some remaining areas of concern that will be addressed next year.
- The warm weather and lack of rain put the irrigation system to the test, which led us to discover and repair its issues.
- Four tee boxes were repaired by re-leveling and installing new sod.
- A successful Tin Cup Tournament raised \$16,000.
- As summer ended, fall came with lots of rain that made winter preparation challenging.

The record-breaking \$16,000 raised by Tin Cup was accomplished with the help of players, raffle ticket sales, and silent/live auction proceeds. This money was earmarked for Chris Saylor to purchase items that will help maintain the course. All of the tee boxes' shut off valves were replaced, and we purchased a fairway aerator and Buffalo blower. The remaining money will be used on other course maintenance materials, equipment, and supplies.

I am pleased to announce that the board will keep the 2019 dues the same as last year! To encourage married/civil union couple membership, the board restructured the couples' rate. We are now offering one rate with a substantial discount, while eliminating the requirement that one member be new to qualify for the discount.

Please check out the 2019 dues! If you complete the membership form, be sure to include your email address and phone number. Providing us your contact information will ensure you receive information about important club news, events, and specials.

We are looking forward to seeing you in 2019! We hope you and your family have a safe holiday, as well as a good winter.

Paul Blanchard,
President of the Board of Directors