

# Barranca

Palos Verdes Estates, California

September 2003

## SEPTEMBER 2003 CLUB EVENTS

Major Event	Date
Labor Day – Member Play Only –	
Main Bar Open – 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	9/1
PVWGC Meeting Day /	
President's Cup Finals – 8:00 S/G	9/4
Home and Home at Palos Verdes –	
12:30 S/G	9/7
Daniel Freeman Golf Tourney – 1:00 S/G	9/8
Richstone Golf Tourney – 1:00 S/G	9/15
Home and Home at Rolling Hills –	
12:30 S/G	9/21
PVWGC Guest Day – 8:00 S/G	9/25

## OCTOBER 2003 CLUB EVENTS

Major Event	Date
PVWGC Meeting Day – 8:00 S/G	10/2
Men's Senior Classic – 8:30 S/G	10/11
BS Bar Association Judges Tourney –	
12:00 S/G	10/13
Course Closed All Day –	
Tee Overseeding	10/14
PVWGC Partner's Championship	
Finals – 8:00 S/G	10/16
St. Francis Medical Center Tourney –	
12:00 S/G	10/20
Bud Oakley Service Award Dinner -	10/24
Bud Oakley Tournament – 9:00 S/G	10/25
Bud Oakley Tournament – 11:00 S/G	10-26
PVWGC Halloween Tournament –	
8:00 S/G	10/30

Sign up and Enjoy!

## The Green Fix Program

Has this ever happened to you? Your perfectly executed putting stroke has your ball rolling smoothly toward the hole when suddenly, one foot from the hole, your ball is redirected by an improperly repaired ball mark. That is usually the time when you explode with a series of unkind remarks directed at the superintendent or the nameless guilty golfer that just ruined your moment of stardom.

Sure. That scenario, or something similar, has happened to all of us. Wouldn't it be great if every golfer *Properly Repaired* every ball mark they ever made? Most ball marks are not fixed correctly; that is, so that the tender grass continues to grow on that traumatized spot.

Well, there is *Great News* for all of us. In fact, this might be the best thing for golf and putting greens since the introduction of Soft Spikes.

Palos Verdes Golf Club has recently approved a new program of installing Green Fix grips on your putter. Green Fix is a tool on the end of the putter grip that flips down into a ball mark repair tool that will help you repair a ball mark correctly. If you use this tool, you will always make a perfect repair of your ball mark, and the grass will continue to grow in that spot rather than dying into brown blemish. The Green Fix tool is built into the putter grip so it is always with you on the green.

The Green Fix tool is a retractable fiberglass filled nylon fork that is perfectly shaped, configured, and aligned so that when it is flipped open you use your putter to push the turf back into place. Then, as



Ball mark.



Snap.

you did previously, you use the sole of the putter to tamp down and smooth out the remaining imperfections. There is no lifting or twisting of soil or turf involved, which are the actions that caused all the ugly ball bruises in the first place. Once repaired, the Green Fix fork is snapped back into place and you proceed to putt your ball into the hole (if you are not spending too much time fixing all of the other ball marks on your line of putt). The other benefit from using this tool is you do not have to bend over or squat to use the Green Fix tool.

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 Joan Torstenson *Accounts Payable*

### EDITORIAL STAFF

Tony Sassi *Editor*  
 Kay Lashbrook *PVWGC Coordinator*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

On behalf of Palos Verdes Golf Club,  
 I want to congratulate the  
 following that have recently  
 become new members:

### New Regular Members:

**September 1, 2003**

Jane K. Jun

### New Senior Members:

**September 1, 2003**

Charles Johnson

### New Associate Golf Members:

**September 1, 2003**

Michael Robinson and Charles Park

The current wait list for  
 Regular membership is posted  
 on the Clubhouse bulletin board  
 for your information.

—Paul McNamara, Membership Chairman

## RESTAURANT HOURS OF OPERATION

### Dinner –

Wednesday Night: 5:30 – 8:30p.m.  
 Friday Night: 5:30 – 9:00p.m.

### Lunch – Tuesday through Friday:

11:00a.m. – 2:30p.m.

### Breakfast / Lunch – Saturday:

11:00a.m. – 2:30p.m.

### Sunday Brunch – 10:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.

## CLUB CONTACT NUMBERS

### Club Contact Numbers

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 Clubhouse Fax 378-6736  
 Clubhouse Manager, Martial Perrin

### Pro Shop 375-2759

Head Professional, Jim Gormley

### Golf Course 378-5379

Superintendent, Pat Gradoville

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## RULES BY RAY

### Rule 19 Ball in Motion Deflected or Stopped

The question came up, if I hit my  
 golf cart with my ball, is the golf cart part  
 of my equipment?

The answer is **Yes**. Whenever you  
 use a golf cart, by definition of equip-  
 ment, a golf cart, whether or not motor-  
 ized, is part of your equipment. It should  
 be treated as such when interpreting any  
 reference made to equipment by the  
 Rules of Golf, under USGA decision  
 book 19/1. —Ray Rivera

## DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Our August game was cancelled  
 because so many people were out of town.  
 Our September game will be at Palos  
 Verdes on the September 17. Please call  
 Joan Johnson @ 373-4406 if you would like  
 to join us and indicate if you would like to  
 have dinner at the Club. —Barbara Bratt

## TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE 2003

### SEPTEMBER

Please note that the outside tournaments listed in last month's Barranca were partially incorrect due to an obsolete list. The tournaments listed below are correct:

Thur	4th	PVWGC President's Cup Finals/Meeting Day	8:00 S/G
Sun	7th	Home & Home @ Palos Verdes	12:30 S/G
Mon	8th	Daniel Freeman Tourney	1:00 S/G
Mon	15th	Richstone Golf Tourney	1:00 S/G
Mon	22nd	Manhattan Beach Ed. Foundation Tourney	1:00 S/G
Thur	25th	PVWGC Guest Day	8:00 S/G

### OCTOBER

Thur	2nd	PVWGC Meeting Day	8:00 S/G
Sat	11th	Men's Senior Classic	8:30 S/G
Mon	13th	SB Bar Association Judges Tourney	12:00 S/G
Thur	16th	PVWGC Partners Champ. Finals	8:00 S/G
Mon	20th	St. Francis Medical Center Tourney	12:00 S/G
Sat	25th	Bud Oakley Tourney	9:00 S/G
Sun	26th	Bud Oakley Tourney	11:00 S/G
Thur	30th	PVWGC Halloween Tourney	8:00 S/G

### NOVEMBER

Mon	3rd	S.C.R.O.C. Tourney	11:30 S/G
Thur	6th	PVWGC Meeting Day	8:00 S/G
Wed	12th	Membership Meeting & Tourney	12:00 S/G
Sun	16th	Couples Member – Guest	12:00 S/G

—Dave Cox

## 6 MONTHS OPERATING RESULTS

The Finance Committee is pleased to report operating results for the first six months ending June 30, 2003:

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>LAST YEAR</u>
REVENUES	\$3,132,368	\$3,018,405	\$2,844,060
COST OF SALES	497,835	451,992	485,554
GROSS PROFIT	2,634,533	2,566,413	2,358,506
%	84%	85%	83%
PAYROLL	1,389,125	1,426,721	1,442,435
EXPENSES	1,154,392	1,125,576	1,100,095
OTHER INCOME	150,960	129,981	110,485
GROSS INCOME	241,976	144,097	(73,539)
CONTRIBUTION TO CIF	(182,466)	(181,071)	(170,049)
NET INCOME	\$59,510	(\$36,974)	(\$243,588)

### \*Expenses include depreciation

Unrestricted Operating Cash at the end of the period has increased by \$111,331 over the same period last year. We are near our goal of increasing our Unrestricted Operating Cash balance on hand to 10% of the annual Operating Budget. Increases in expenses beyond our control, such as Workmen's Compensation, Medical, Casualty & Liability insurance expenses, have been offset to a large extent by reductions in payroll and other expenses.

After refunding \$952,000 of the Irrigation assessment in December of last year, the Club Improvement Fund Restricted cash balance, as of June 30, is \$1,052,487. Revenue and expenses in the CIF are within budget.

—Doug Potts, Treasurer

## THE GREEN FIX PROGRAM

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The Palos Verdes Golf Club Board of Directors, Green Committee, and staff are so excited about the possibility of eliminating ball marks. The club is acquiring and installing the grips for all members who wish to join our campaign, free of charge. There will be six different grip styles available. How great would it be to putt on greens without ball marks? We have several members who have already committed to joining the volunteers who have agreed to be a "Keeper of the Green" in helping promote this program. Please send me an email at [patgrad@msn.com](mailto:patgrad@msn.com) or stop me on the course to add your name to the list. We have made significant improvement in greatly reducing divots in the fairways, and with everyone's involvement in using this new tool, it is possible to have greens free of ball marks. Let us all pitch in and make a difference.

—Pat Gradoville



Push.



Tap.

## CANDIDATES FOR BOARD ELECTION

As discussed in last month's Barranca there are five candidates competing in this year's election. Their photos are provided below. Their statements will be mailed with the ballots. Please take time to evaluate their statements and positions and vote to participate in this important club activity.



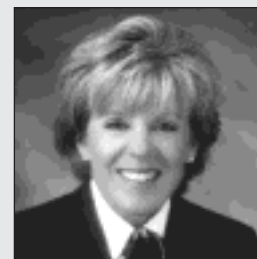
Rick Higgins



Nils Johnson



Steve Lombard



Karen Mabli



Larry Rissler

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Some things at Palos Verdes Country Club are obvious. If you have a pleasant dining experience, you think to yourself that Martial Perrin and his staff are great. If you get that starting time you asked for at the last minute, you think to yourself that Jim Gormley and his Pro Shop staff really runs a good operation. If your round of golf is enjoyable (even if you shoot your worst score in 6 months), you must come away with the opinion that the course is in the best shape ever, thanks to Pat Gradoville and his crew.

An operation that we do not notice (except when we think our bill is wrong) is the accounting department. In 2003 the accounting department will:

- Prepare over 2600 payroll checks
- Manage the over 7 million dollars that will pass through PVGC
- Write over 4000 accounts payable checks
- Prepare more than 12,000 invoices
- Administer benefit plans and keep payroll records for just under 100 employees.

### Here is a more detailed look at the department's responsibilities:

The Controller is a member of the Management Team and is responsible to advise other members of management as to the financial implications of their roles and departments. The Controller insures the integrity of the accounting function and the financial reporting function. The Controller is responsible to the Treasurer for ensuring the preservation of Club assets.

Specific duties of the **Controller** include, but are not limited to the following:

- Directs financial operations of the club
- Prepares monthly financial statements for the club along with supporting schedules and other data necessary for financial reports and records. Prepares appropriate accounting reports for dissemination to the Board of Directors and other committees.
- Prepares budget and financial forecasts in coordination with the various committees and departments; analyzes financial information, monitors budget versus actual expenditures, and advises management about variances and their potential causes.
- Works with the club's external auditors to assure that procedures are consistent with Club policies, to minimize fees while insuring full credibility of their report.
- Prepares and verifies reports made to agencies and trade or professional organizations for which dissemination is consistent with Club policies.
- Directs and verifies the taking of various inventories for food, beverage, merchandise, etc.
- Verifies that all insurance records for the Club property are maintained.
- Hire, supervise, and maintain accounting personnel sufficient to meet the requirements of the function while meeting budgetary requirements.
- Have responsibility for the General & Administrative cost center for the Board.
- Prepares and/or supervises preparation of applicable federal, state and local tax returns.
- Monitors policies relating to internal control, payroll, budget, cost control, and tax matters.
- Maintain the payroll records and insure confidentiality

The **Accounts Receivable Clerk**, supervised by the Controller, collects charges and mails statements; reconciles and posts payments received.

- Collects all member charges
- Posts charges to accounts
- Prepares and mails member charges/statements
- Receives and reconciles payments on accounts
- Maintains membership financial records
- Responds to member billing inquiries

- Prepares tip reports for accounts payable
- Performs miscellaneous office responsibilities

The **Accounts Payable Clerk**, supervised by the Controller, maintains exact records of accounts payable; reconciles accounts payable with invoices, purchase orders; writes and /or issues payments on accounts.

- Collects and files invoices
- Audits vendor invoices
- Posts invoices to proper accounts
- Purchases and maintains office supplies
- Issues and tracks purchase orders for operating departments
- Complies and maintains credit applications for vendors
- Balances petty cash
- Processes all bills for final payment
- Manages all credit memos to assure that no incorrect changes are paid
- Maintain report of discounts taken/discounts lost.

Now that you know the responsibilities of the accounting department, who are the three ladies who carry this big job?

### Controller - Linda Blair:

Linda was hired at PVGC in 2001 as a Staff Accountant. She was appointed Controller in May of 2003. A native of the Peninsula, Linda graduated from Rolling Hills High School and Cal State Long Beach. She has lived two miles away in South Torrance for over 20 years. Linda started working in the accounting field during her sophomore year in college. After graduation, she worked for a CPA firm for a year before joining Hughes Aircraft. She left Hughes in 1981 as a Lead Accountant to raise her family. While a full time mother of three, she used her accounting background to run the office of her husband's architectural firm and in many volunteer capacities in PTA, Girl Scouts, Rotary, and her Church. In 1995 as a single mom she ran her own business for 5 years then became Accounting Manager for an International Freight Forwarder in Wilmington before coming to PVGC.

### Accounts Receivable - Azita Rafatjah:

Many of you know Azita from dropping off your payments. Azita was born in Iran and came to the United States as a teenager. She graduated from Concord High School in LA and Pacific University with a BA in Business Administration. Azita was Assistant Accounting Manager at Factory Fashion Works in Los Angeles for 5 years before moving to Mortgage I in Long Beach for 4 years. We have been fortunate enough to have her responsible for all Accounts Receivable functions since 1991. She is amazingly accurate in recording the thousands of payments received and the tens of thousands of charges and sales processed each year. Azita lives nearby in South Torrance with her husband and beautiful teenage daughter.

### Accounts Payable - Joan Torstenson:

Joan is our tall red headed Accounts Payable Clerk. Joan was born in Hermosa Beach and raised in San Pedro, where she currently lives. Joan attended San Pedro High School. After graduation she got married and had two sons. Joan has been a single mom since the boys were small. After working in various office positions in the garment industry for over 18 years, Joan received her accounting training from Peppertree, Inc. We were lucky enough to have her join our staff in 2002. She has been a huge asset not only covering accounts payable with great accuracy, but also helping Linda and Azita in any task she is asked to do. The light of Joan's life is her brand new baby grandson, Tyler.

Drop in to accounting at your next opportunity and thank them for contributing to the financial success of the club so far this year. *See the reprint of the letter from the city to see what they think of our financial efforts.*

—Keith Stafford

## PRO'S CORNER

Congratulations to Joe Venezia who defeated Dan Booker in the 2003 President's Cup final. Thanks to all 64 players who competed in tournament. The breakdown is as follows:

**Champion:** Joe Venezia  
**Runner-up:** Dan Booker  
**Semi-Finalists:** Carter Miller  
 Yuichi Iwaki  
**Quarter-Finalists:** Mark Leeds  
 Doug Potts  
 Stan Schwartz  
 Bruce Berger

**Second Round Winners:** Sherwood Sterling  
 Larry Hart  
 Ed Thompson  
 Chris Moore  
 Maurice Lam  
 Chuck Giordanella  
 Bob Vitro  
 Sang Lee

### 2003 Men's Club Championship

Congratulations to Michael Watts for winning the 2003 Men's Club Championship. Michael had rounds of 71-70-76. In the Net Flight, John Harbison won with rounds of 69-65. Thanks to all the participants. Here are the results:



President's Cup Finalists:  
Joe Venezia and Dan Booker.



Winner of the 2003 Men's Club Championship, Michael Watts.

### Championship Flight

1st Place	Michael Watts	71-70-76
2nd Place	Chad Turner	74-75-74
3rd Place	Joe Venezia	79-77-73
4th Place	Harry Nishida	77-74-79
5th Place	Gary Bickers	74-78-79

### Net Flight

1st Place	John Harbison	69-65
2nd Place	Carl Voce	67-70
Tie-3rd Place	Dick Mott	68-74
	Sal Maneri	74-68
5th Place	Grant Ahearn	72-73

Finally, congratulations to Mark Pfeil, for breaking his old course record and setting a new Palos Verdes Golf Club course record 59. Mark's round consisted of one eagle (holed out a wedge on the 6th hole) 12 birdies (8 on the back nine), 4 pars (all on the front nine) and one double bogey (13th hole, no comment).

—Jim Gormley

## MOST IMPROVED GOLFERS THIS MONTH

WOMEN			
Name	Index		Percent Decrease
	Old	New	
Angie Yi	15.8	13.7	13.3
Taeko Mori	12.4	11.0	11.3
Trish Lange	9.0	8.0	11.1
Christina Sheen	18.9	17.0	10.1
Peggy Nelms	35.8	32.3	9.8
Mafi George	6.6	6.0	9.1
Eve Higgins	25.7	23.4	8.9
Barbara Brothers	14.7	13.4	8.8
Pamela Park	14.0	12.9	7.9
Soon Tak Chun	12.6	11.7	7.1

MEN			
Name	Index		Percent Decrease
	Old	New	
Michael Watts	0.5	0.0	100.0
Chad Turner	1.8	1.3	27.8
Shannon Yocum	0.8	0.6	25.0
Larry Rissler	6.4	4.9	23.4
Lee Reitler	5.9	4.6	22.0
Dong-Joon Lee	8.3	6.5	21.7
Stanley Schwartz	16.1	12.6	21.7
Scott Tolleson	16.3	12.9	20.9
Steve Lombard	8.7	6.9	20.7
Robert Fronauer	9.5	7.6	20.0

#### Correction:

In last month's Barranca, Bob Keller's handicap index was incorrect. Bob's correct handicap index showed a 25% improvement to 2.1 from 2.8

## TURF TALK

September marks the end of the summer and the beginning of fall. It is also one of our warmer months, which means we will be hand watering the ryegrass and other cool season turf to keep it alive during the final warm months of the year. We try to water to the grass with the lowest water requirement, which is Kikuyugrass or Bermudagrass. Unfortunately, we still have large areas of ryegrass that require additional irrigation for it to survive. The new irrigation system distributes water uniformly, however, a drop of water does not know if it is falling on ryegrass or Kikuyugrass. While we do everything we can to avoid hand watering, it is still necessary because of soil, turf type, and weather conditions.

At the end of the month, we will complete our final aerification on greens for the year. Greens will be aerified during our closure day, and will not be aerified until next March. Our aerification program is the backbone of our program for keeping the greens in top condition throughout the year. Thanks in advance for your understanding.

*See you on the fairways...*

—Pat Gradoville, CGCS

## 2003 PLANNED COURSE CLOSURE DATES

DATE	DAY	LENGTH	SCHEDULED
9/29	Monday	Closed All Day	Greens Aerification
10/14	Tuesday	Closed All Day	Tees Overseeding
11/18	Tuesday	Closed till 12:00 Noon	

# Women's Tournaments

## Women's Club

Summer on Ice" was the theme for the August 14 Member-Guest Tournament. At the sound of the horn, the Partner's Better Ball shotgun tournament began. Thanks go to Kay and Taeko Mori for efficiently running the event. They give special thanks to the Pro Shop staff, Maria, and Michelle.

The tee prize was a golf ball and a magnetized Palos Verdes ball marker. The marker was attached to a clip with a U.S. flag embossed on it...practical, clever and well received. The tournament prizes in the two gross and net flights were gift certificates. Some of the winners are listed below. —Kay Lashbrook

### FIRST FLIGHT

#### Gross

1st	Soon Chung & Ki Chung	78
2nd	Kay Mori & Eiko Kanenobu	81
3rd	Ching Chen & Celia Wang	84
4th	Christina Sheen & Yoo Song	85

#### Net

1ST	Connie Kim & Jennifer Kim	68
2nd	Suk Lee & Myoung Yi	69
3rd	Rennie Zickuhr & Patricia Yancey	70 c/o
4th	Sara Jo & Mire Chu	70

### SECOND FLIGHT

#### Gross

1st	Freda Main & Donna Moody	89
2nd	Vivian Elkins & Sandy Del Conte	90
3rd	Joan Davidson & Jody Wendorff	96
4th	Barbara Moore & Donna Eldridge	100

#### Net

1st	Mary Sue Tynan & Carolyn Malmquist	65
2nd	Anne Rissler & Renee Warren	67
3rd	Jackie Cahill & Shirley Clark	73 c/o
4th	Barbara Bratt & Helen Kreigsman	73



First Flight, 1st Gross, Soon Chung & Ki Chung.



First Flight, 1st Net, Connie Kim & Jennifer Kim.



Second Flight, 1st Gross, Freda Main & Donna Moody.



Second Flight, 1st Net, Mary Sue Tynan & Carolyn Malmquist.



Long Drive Winners: 1st Flight, Taeko Mori and 2nd Flight: Donna Moody.



Tournament Chairwomen/Head Pro: Kay Mori, Jim Gormley, & Taeko Mori.

## SUNDAY COUPLES TOURNAMENT GOLF

### July 27, 2003

#### 2 BB Net Combined – 8 couples

1st Place	127	Richard & Reenie Zickuhr
		Randy & Kathie Gaston
2nd Place	136	Keith & Esther Watson
		Lloyd & Barbara Hall

### August 10, 2003

#### 1, 2, 3 BB, Repeat – 18 couples

1st Place	126	Rick & Eve Higgins
		Marty & Mary Sue Tynan
2nd Place	129	Lee & Sally Reitler
		Lee & Jeanne Horton
3rd Place	133	Lloyd & Barbara Hall
		Paul & Kay Conrad
4th Place	134	Jim & Joan Johnson
		Warren & Jan Palmer

### August 24, 2003

#### 1 BB men odd holes,

#### 1 BB women even holes– 18 couples

1st Place (tie)	66	Larry & Anne Rissler
		Ralph & Mafi George
1st Place (tie)	66	Myung & Helen Lee
		Larry & Pam Park
3rd Place (tie)	68	Dick & Kathy Miller
		Keith & Esther Watson
3rd Place (tie)	68	Bob & Irene Rosenberg
		Guy & Freda Main

—Keith and Joan Davidson

### BACKGROUND

The Club Improvement Fund was established in 1993 when the present Concession Agreement with the City of PVE was adopted. The purpose of the fund is to ensure that funds on hand will always be available for deferred maintenance, replacement of capital equipment, and for long term (capital) improvements to the Golf Course, Clubhouse, and Grounds. This fund is solely for the improvement of Club facilities and cannot be used to defray operating expenses. To achieve maximum benefit of these funds, a Long Range Club Master Plan was developed over a five year period beginning in 1993. The Plan was presented to the membership in 1998 and enthusiastically received. It was approved by subsequent Boards, the City Planning Commission, and the City Council.

### WHERE WE ARE NOW

When the Master Plan was first presented in 1998, it was pointed out that the golf course would always have first priority for the use of the Improvement Fund. This was confirmed when the Clubhouse renovation portion of the Master Plan was put on hold because the need to replace the golf course irrigation system was determined to have greater priority. Although there wasn't enough money on hand in the Improvement Fund to immediately complete the irrigation project, you, the membership, voted to advance the money through a refundable assessment and the job was done. Prudent management of this Fund necessitated delaying the Clubhouse portion of the plan until this assessment was repaid in full to the members. Last year, you received a refund of 50% of the assessment (\$1,700). The Board has authorized another payment of \$850. to be paid on September 30th. As was pointed out earlier, this is two years ahead of schedule.

The condition of the golf course clearly shows the benefits of the new irrigation system. Meantime, the landscape enhancement program of the Golf Course

is underway. This is being funded from the yearly allocation the golf course receives from the CIF for replacement of equipment, deferred maintenance, and improvements. Likewise, future improvements, such as the rebuilding of new greens, when necessary, or other improvements, will be paid for from this yearly allocation.

### NEXT STEP

Now attention must turn once again to the Clubhouse. The Clubhouse portion of the Plan provides for correcting deficiencies identified over the years to bring the building up to today's code and standards, and with input from the Art Jury, restoring the integrity of the original Mediterranean architecture of the building.

The Clubhouse portion was originally planned to be accomplished in three phases.

To maximize cost efficiency while minimizing disruption to the membership, the Board has determined that it would be to the benefit of members if all phases of the Clubhouse improvements could be accomplished at one time. Even though this will not take place immediately, planning and preparations must begin now. Late this fall, the Long Range Planning Committee will be announcing a series of presentations for the benefit of the 140 or so new members who were not here for the 1998 briefings and all other members who want to learn the actual details of the plan and proposed methods of funding.

We are confident that this project will be as enthusiastically received as when first presented five years ago. Ultimately, the entire cost will be borne by the Club Improvement Fund. It will be up to you, the membership, on how quickly you want to accomplish this. Proper planning is a very important part of the process to assure that Club funds are spent wisely and efficiently. Be assured this is our goal.

—THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

*Ivan Barrett, Chairman*