

Dear member of The Course at Yale

The 2009 season seems to have flown by at a record pace. It started with an uncannily dry spring which quickly turned into the wettest summer on record. Thanks to the outstanding work of the entire grounds maintenance staff the course came through this deluge in great shape and the magnificent fall weather has provided us with the best conditions of the season.

Enclosed with this letter you will also find your 2010 membership statement. This membership rate is applicable if you will be paying your membership after January 23rd 2010. Members who pay their bill prior to January 23rd will be able to avoid the dues increase of approximately 3% by paying the 2009 rates. The only increase is a \$50.00 addition to our capital assessment. The 2010 increases are necessary to sustain our current level of day to day playing conditions as well as a continued investment in capital projects. As the costs of maintaining the course continue to grow during a time when the university budget is declining we remain optimistic that our membership will continue their loyal support of this magnificent golf course.

We recognize that the business of golf is changing and that many of us have limitations on our leisure time due to family or business commitments. For the 2010 golf season we will introduce several new limited round categories in an effort to address the needs of members who find it impossible to take advantage of unlimited golf. Limited memberships (15 rounds and 30 rounds) will be expanded to include all interested persons no matter their affiliation with the course and Yale. Previously this membership category was limited to alumni. Limited round members will have seven day tee reservation privileges as opposed to the eight of full members. If you have a friend who may be interested in joining our course please feel to have them contact me to discuss membership opportunities at Yale.

This fall we completed an extensive drainage project on the eighteenth fairway which has successfully handled several major storms. While the engineering and construction firms were on site we decided to take advantage of lower than expected project expenses to provide funding for some drain lines in around the adjacent seventeenth green complex. We expect this work will eliminate our standing water problems and dramatically improve turf conditions. Our next project, which we hope to begin next fall, will be to complete the drainage work on the seventeenth hole.

This winter the grounds crew will continue to remove and prune trees to improve agronomic conditions throughout the course. The staff are very excited about the maintenance they were able to accomplish during the fall especially with respect to greens and I can assure you they will be awesome as we start the 2010 season.

I would like to thank everyone for the efforts you made to utilize the soil and seed bottles/boxes on golf carts and tees. According to Scott we used over twenty two tons of top dressing material this year which has made an amazing difference in the condition of our tees and fairways throughout the season. For the upcoming season we hope to introduce a walking cart soil bottle program, supported by on course filling stations, for members who prefer to walk the golf course. Combining this initiative with increased awareness of the proper use of divot tools on greens will improve overall course conditions.

For 2010 our main objective will be to effectively enforce our "Pace of Play Policy". With the help of our starters and rangers we will be implementing member and guest guidelines including penalties for slow play similar to those found at other local clubs. We are developing a guide that will clearly state which tee is the most appropriate for a golfer based upon their skill level as well as the expected time of play from the suggested tee. Too many golfers are playing from the championship tees without possessing the necessary skills to finish their round in a timely fashion. In addition to tee guidelines I will also be providing suggestions from the PGA as to best practices we can all utilize to help improve our speed on the course. Pace of play is plaguing the golf business and we plan on tackling this issue head on during next season.

We are currently working on our 2010 golf brochure which will outline the changes for the upcoming year. The brochure will also be posted on our web site. If you have questions about your statement or would like further information on limited round memberships you can e-mail or call me or Kathie Heisig for specific details.

Thank you for a great 2009 golf season and I wish you and your family safe travel and happiness during the holiday season. I look forward to your continued membership support and perhaps an introduction to a friend who might also enjoy as I know you do the great experience of playing the number one College Golf Course in America.

Peter Pulaski
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The Course at Yale