



Hillcrest News

September 19, 2018

- The Board of Directors is very pleased to announce that Michael C. McCloskey will become Hillcrest's next golf professional, beginning work on January 1, 2019. Michael is currently the Director of Golf at Incline Village Golf Courses in Lake Tahoe, Nevada, where he manages two courses, each with its own Head Golf Professional. He was elected as a PGA Class A member in 2009 and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Professional Golf Management from New Mexico State University.

Michael grew up on a municipal course in Los Alamos, New Mexico, where his dad was the Golf Pro for over 30 years. His experience includes working as Head Golf Professional, Tournament Director, and Food and Beverage Supervisor. Currently, he manages three Pro Shops and supervises a staff of 75 team members. In the past three years, he has increased Junior Golf participation, and used programs such as "Get Golf Ready," "Tee it Forward," and "Women's Golf Month" to develop players.

His selection follows a search for golf professionals that began in June and ended in August with on-site interviews of the top candidates. The search yielded very qualified candidates, and Michael was chosen because his experience, knowledge, and personality are a good match of our club. In recognition of his broad experience, and consistent with his overall responsibility for golf operations, his official title will be General Manager/Director of Golf.

- Our purchase agreement with John Vickers was completed on Friday, September 14th. This was the last item the city needed in order to issue our liquor license. While we were working out the details on the purchase of John's carts, equipment, and inventory, John was kind enough to allow us to use his carts and equipment for a nominal fee. This allowed us to maintain full services at the club for the three weeks after his departure on August 20.
- A continuing challenge this season has been water reductions from the city's raw water supply. In spite of 35% reductions for most of the season, our Golf Course Superintendent Ken Kirby and the grounds crew has managed to provide great course conditions. Unfortunately, further reductions at this time by the city will limit our irrigation water to only a third of what we normally have. Consequently, we will be limiting watering to the greens and tees. Fairways, roughs, and the driving range will feel the loss of water, and will likely result in turf damage. Ken and the crew appreciate your understanding during these dry times- your support means a lot to our dedicated grounds crew.
- As we assumed the golf operations, the first step our Interim Golf Shop Manager, Randy Kahn took was to replace the rather tired range balls with new ones. Within days, however, over 1,000 balls went missing... we promptly ordered more, but it was quite a mystery! Eventually, we learned that some golfers were keeping range balls in their lockers or carts. It doesn't seem like that would make a big difference in the number of range balls out there, but if enough people do it, it does. Please use the range balls you have so our bins stay full for other golfers.
- A neighborly reminder to all our golfers that missed tee times are difficult for the staff to handle- if you cannot fill your tee time, please call the Pro Shop and cancel so that other players can get on the course.
- Also remember that this year's Board of Director elections will be electronic, so please update your email address with the Club Office prior to the November election. Members interested in running have until September 31 to indicate their interest in several ways: sign up on the Members Corner Bulletin Board next to the Snack Bar, speak to any board member, or email Karen at hillcrestgolfclub@gobrainstorm.net or. The terms are three years, and it is a good way to serve the course we all love.