



September, 2011

President's Report

This is my first President's report as President of TCCOM. I am here because upon the resignation of Chuck Orvik the others present at the Board's Executive Meeting declined to take the position.

My motivation upon moving to TCCOM 7 years ago was to play as much golf as possible and catch as many fish as I could. I told my wife Ruth that I didn't want or need another job.

After seeing the dozens of men and women volunteering their time and efforts, I began to feel that I really needed to give something back to this community. I have been blessed with good health, or as some friends might say, "a strong back and a weak mind!"

Every year Harold Wargin asked me if I would allow my name to be put on the ballot for a Board Position. The salary sounded like my tax return a year or two when I was self-employed! Anyway I couldn't continue saying NO to Harold.

The experience of owning two small corporations for 18 years and later teaching Business Management to startup companies for 15 years through Anoka Technical College, gives me a business sense of direction. Before that I worked for various Corporations for 10 years.

In the 5 weeks I have been interim President, I have had the luxury of having Chuck Orvik as mentor on one hand and Chuck McColgan on the other side. Believe me, these are two special people. The word "integrity" would be the first word that describes each of them. Detail is another adjective that comes to mind. I'm going to use these two resources as long as possible. There have been a lot of changes brought about by their legal background and military management training. They and I have your best interests in mind. I could mention the backgrounds of the other members of the Board. We have talented, experienced people who care for you.

Probably the individual that taught me the most was my father who was a farmer and businessman. He was a great role model who taught me to work hard, treat others with respect and to fear God. I work at all of them. Anyone of you is welcome to remind me if I do not exhibit these attributes.

As you know TCCOM is in healthy shape financially. I will make every effort to continue this financial profile.

TCCOM has no long-term debt. NONE! We have a healthy amount in Reserves and CD's.

The task is to keep annual dues increases in the low single digits and large, unexpected expenses from occurring. I'm referring to electrical upgrades or even more alarming, septic failures. Think of the latter as a PARK HEALTH issue! Take care of our Park and we'll enjoy it for many, many years. Ignore the park and expect bad results. It's that simple

This coming year will see the swimming pool refurbished. The pool committee has been working with possible contractors to this end.

The storm shelter will probably be scheduled late next year.

We still have work to do this year (September) before the Park is closed on Oct 14<sup>th</sup>. That work is to pass the Rules & Regulations!

I do want to say sincere thanks for the many volunteers that are always here to give advice, based on their life experiences, and to do the many tasks that we would otherwise have to hire employees.

David D. Chapman, President  
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Park Manager's Report

Once again it has been a busy month. Committees are meeting right and left, many times overlapping, trying to accomplish as much as possible before the end of the season. The cameras have been installed at the Welcome Building -- one for capturing license plates, one for vehicles entering the park, and one for vehicles leaving the park and one for the trash collection area. And, all 4 cameras are recording to a hard drive providing enhanced security year round. In addition, we now have a dumpster for recycle instead of a bunch of bins. And, except for a collection problem at the start, the dumpster area is looking a lot neater and cleaner.

The marketing committee voted to go with the website committee's recommendation for a website upgrade vendor and the website upgrade is now work-in-process. By the time you get back to the Park next year, we'll have a new website up and running --one that will give the Park more functions and greater visibility.

In addition, the Rules, Regulations and Bylaws Committee has been kept very busy this entire year. As mentioned in the informational meeting, they will be doing one last review of the proposed Rules & Regulations before final

approval by the BOD and publication. In addition, they have been diligently updating the Bylaws to ensure they are current with the way the Park operates today and easier to read. The review and voting process for the Bylaws will take place at the beginning of the 2012 season.

At last month's informational meeting it was brought up that TCCOM has too many rules -- 28 pages long. So, just for the heck of it, I deleted all rules and regulations that were due to Federal, State or County laws, rules or regulations. The net effect, our rules are only 14 pages long -- and that includes 4 pages for the Intent, Harassment and Complaint sections.

The benefit to the membership of having all the Federal, State, County and Park rules and regulations that pertain to TCCOM and its members in one place is you don't have to ferret out on your own all the laws, rules and regulations that TCCOM as a Park and each member individually must comply with. In my opinion, TCCOM's leadership has done the membership a favor by combining all these rules into one document -- in spite of its length.

#### **Announcements:**

- At each committee's last meeting of the season, please schedule your first meeting of the 2012 season. And, please let me know when you'll meet and who will be the chairperson for 2012.
- Don't forget the cutoff time for submitting copy to our final issue of Wheels for the 2011 season is 5 PM Monday, 9/12/11.
- Over the Labor Day weekend, I drove by the burn pile 4X. And on 3 occasions -- twice in one day -- I found compost wood, fiberboard, etc. All items that TCCOM can be heavily fined for if caught burning.
- Park blowout of water lines is set for October 14, 2011. Please have your units blown out before then and disconnected from the main water standpipe.
- Since the current delivery people for the St. Cloud Times are willing to come into the Park, with their permission, the maintenance team has removed the mailboxes at the entrance.

#### **Thank you:**

Thank you to the quilting committee members who made the handicap flags we needed for the end of this season.

#### **Closing:**

If I don't see you before you leave for the season, have a great fall and winter! See you next spring.

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#### **Caddy Shack:**

Once again, as coordinator of the Caddy Shack, I would like to acknowledge all of the volunteers that helped make our season so successful. There were those (and you know who you are) that worked over and over every week-end, but also new folks that started getting involved. There was also a group of neighbors that truly helped me out when "all else failed"!

Because of all of you, we had a great season. As of this printing, we are at \$7,043.00 in turned in tickets. Remember, as owners use up their tickets they buy more, or on busy week-ends, many single tickets are purchased either at the office or the Caddy Shack.

We are looking forward to another great season in 2012, so remember to check the Golf Window on the side of the Caddy Shack building for opportunities to sign up for a two hour shift.

Have a safe trip to where ever you may go for the winter, and we look forward to meeting again in the spring.

Sharon Hovde  
Coordinator of the Caddy Shack

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#### **Golf Committee:**

The Golf Committee has met monthly over the season, and as always, is very proud of all the work that is done by Marty and his crew to keep our course one that we are all proud of. As reported by Jerry Thurmes, Chairperson, at the last Board Meeting, many projects were accomplished and more will be completed before the park closes.

The revision of #1 green was a great success, with many volunteers assisting. Still left on the "to do" list is painting the Caddy Shack, and revising the 100,150 foot markers on the fairways. The work of all the Ranger volunteers and Chuck Horton's coordination, along with the manning of the Caddy Shack kept our course compliant with the park golf rules, and promoted good golf experiences for both owners and their guests. We look forward to all of the golf activities that many enjoy, including our Youth Tournament, next season. Have a safe and enjoyable winter season where ever you may be, and we look forward to seeing all of you in the spring.

Golf Committee  
Sharon Hovde for Jean Baldock, Secretary

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#### **Hole-In-One's In August**

Larry Sundem	Lot 314	Hole #8
Brent Picken	Lot 258	Hole #3
Austen Scott	Lot 152	Hole #5

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### Keep Saving Aluminum Cans !!!

Thanks to all of you who separate your cans. Since we started this project in 2008, we have collected \$2,191.00 (2008 through August 2011). Please remember; no plastic bags, garbage or fish guts!!! This is a volunteer effort. Thanks again.

Fred Varner

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### United States Flag

Displaying the US Flag shows pride in our country, but it does not come without responsibility. Many of our TCCOM residents are proud to display the symbol of our country, the US Flag. Displaying the Flag brings with it duties and responsibilities.

Public Law 94-344, known as the Federal Flag Code, contains rules for handling and displaying the U.S. flag. "The flag may be displayed at all times if it's **illuminated during darkness**. When the **flag is worn** out or otherwise no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

Some of our residents have fallen short when it comes to lighting the flag and replacing a worn flag.

If you wish to display the US Flag to show your pride in America, I commend you for it, but lets not forget to honor the flag by lighting it after dark. If your flag gets worn, torn or tattered most valley VFW's or American Legion Post's will take it and destroy it in a dignified manor. Do not throw it in the trash!

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### TCCOM 2011 Club Championship Tournament



#### Super Senior Men

First place	Bob Baldock	104
Second place	Harlen Damon	107
Third place	Doug Johnson	109

#### Senior Men

First place	Jack Shafer	98
Second place	John Blackowiak	104
Third place	Mike Shanley	108

#### Men

First place	Brent Picken	101
Second place	Ed Cuffel	101
Third place	Bob Sundem	109

#### Women

First place	Jan Bishop	116
Second place	JoAnne Sundem	118
Third place	Mary Kearns	132

#### TCCOM Men's 2011 Champion

Jack Shafer 98

#### TCCOM Women's 2011 Champion

Jan Bishop 116

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#### Congratulations:

Dawn McCarthy, lot #265, is the winner of the quilt that was raffled off at the combined Quilt and Craft show & tell luncheon held on September 12.

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**Park Manager Request:** If you know of someone who has a gas golf cart they'd like to donate or sell to TCCOM at a reasonable price, please let me know. Thanks.