

**WESTFIELD GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
November 2009 Newsletter**



AGENDA

**WESTFIELD GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
2009 ANNUAL MEETING**

Saturday November 21st, 2009 10:00 AM

1. Approval of the minutes of the Semi-Annual Meeting of May 1st, 2009.
2. Business Arising from Minutes.
3. President's Report.
4. Reports from other Officers.
5. Committee Reports.
6. Treasurer's Report.
7. Approval of Acts of Directors.
8. Appointment of Auditors
9. Nominating Committee Report.
10. Election President, Vice President and Directors
11. Approval Operating & Capital Budgets 2010
12. New Business
13. Adjournment

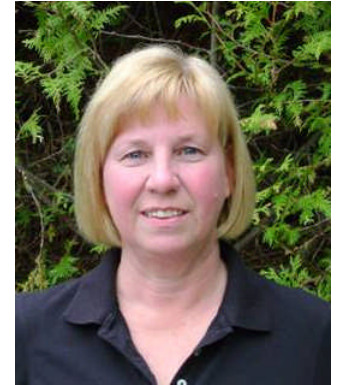
Secretary Joan Hurst

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President's Message by Heather Shuve

While there are a few hardy souls still enjoying a round of golf from time to time at Westfield, many of us have reluctantly stored our golf clubs in the basement or garage until Spring. Of course, there are those who will head South to continue to enjoy the game in a warmer climate for the winter months – we wish them safe travels!



The golf season ended in style with a wonderful closing dinner and a great turnout to recognize our “NBGA Volunteers of the Year” – Joan Hurst and Joe Flynn. A Club like Westfield would simply not function without all the many dedicated volunteers – some who step up to accept a position on the Board, some who are willing to serve as a committee chair or committee member, some who take on the responsibility for organizing golf or social events and others who simply do what needs to be done because they see a need. I would like to extend a personal note of thanks to everyone who stepped up this past year to contribute in their own way to making Westfield Golf & Country Club a great place to be – Thank You!

The Board of Directors hosted their first annual staff appreciation night at the Club this past weekend – our staff (and their guests) were invited to the Club for a lovely dinner and decadent desserts made and served personally by the Board of Directors.....and we did the dishes!! This was an opportunity for the Board to say thank you to all our staff who work so hard through the summer and show our appreciation for all they do for us! It was really nice to be able to serve a meal and chat with the many familiar faces from both on and off the golf course (and I think our staff really enjoyed the evening and appreciated the sincere gesture of thanks). I'd like to thank Moira Adams for taking the lead in organizing this event which we hope will become an annual event for our staff.

The Board is now in the final stages of preparing the 2010 Budget and other materials/presentations for the Annual General Meeting being held at the Club on Nov. 21st at 10:00 am. As has been the practice in recent years, we will be distributing all relevant materials a few days in advance of the meeting so you will have a chance to review prior to Nov. 21st. The Board has worked very hard to find the optimal balance in terms of revenue sources (such as membership dues versus external revenue sources such as outside tournaments) and operating/capital expenses (what we need and what we want) to ensure smooth, high quality operations. This year was a difficult year in terms of revenue – we fell below our budget in this regard primarily due to the wet and unseasonably cool Spring, Summer and Fall which impacted our food/beverage revenues and green fee revenues most notably. Fortunately as a result of some very diligent management of expenses from the outset and right through to the end of the season, our year end (Oct. 31) financial picture is showing a modest profit - sufficient to repay the money borrowed from the assessment fund last year to cover the operating deficit as was promised.

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Finally, as I wrap up my year as President at Westfield, I would like to say a sincere thank you to all those who served on the Board of Directors with me and who contributed their time, their energy and their intelligence to this Club. Diversity at the Board table is critical and I'm so appreciative of those who truly "lack the time" but "make the time" for Westfield – encouraging and involving some of the younger members of our Club to be on the Board was important to me personally and I'd like to especially thank Scott Reid, Jeff Legere, Peter McCarthy and Steve Evans for stepping up and making Westfield a priority in their lives this past year – we're a better place as a result of your perspective and fresh "out of the box" thinking! As with the budget, balance is important so I'd also like to thank those who've served in various capacities over the past few years and who bring experience, wisdom and perspective to our discussions – Joan Hurst is the most pleasant "devil's advocate" you could ever hope to work with. Joan has the ability to see all sides of an issue and is always ready to challenge us when we need to be challenged. Joe Flynn is a man of action and he gets things done – he brings years of experience both at the Club and from other sports organizations to the table and we appreciated his candor in discussion – you are never left trying to figure out what Joe thinks about an issue!

Moira Adams and Helen Kerr were two relatively new members to the Board but far from new members to the Club. Helen brings to the Board an eye for detail and a sense of what's important to the average golfer and tournament organizer within the Club. Moira Adams has been a huge asset to the Board this past year taking on the role of House Committee, a recently resurrected role, and organized a number of social events including an excellent tribute to our 90th birthday celebration at the Club Opening and an excellent Volunteer Recognition Dinner as our closing. Ideas are already being tossed around for more events combining golf/dinner for next year. Rounding out the Board table are two folks who have much experience and knowledge in how things get done at Westfield. Noel Wittrien, the Club's incoming President has served as Club Treasurer in the past and also stepped in when required as interim General Manager so he knows the Club from the inside out. Noel instills confidence in those around him and has a very rationale approach to business so we relied on Noel's advice throughout this past year. Finally, there's Judy Comeau, who agreed once again this past year to serve in the capacity of Past President (three years running) – Judy has never lost her passion for Westfield and continues to serve in the best interests of the members – we owe her a great deal for all she's accomplished on behalf of the Club.

It's been truly a pleasure to have been able to serve and be a part of a Club as special as the Westfield Golf & Country Club. I have so many fond memories of my years here as a Junior, a young adult and now as a "not so young adult" and they are all about the people – members and staff – many, many great friends now among them! I look forward to continuing to serve in the coming year as Past President and wish Noel Wittrien, our incoming President all the best of luck for the coming year (it can't possibly be any wetter than this year)!



Christmas Dinner at Westfield

MENU

Appetizers:

- ***Festive Salad, Broccoli Salad***
- ***Cranberries***

Main Course:

- ***Roast Turkey, Dressing, Gravy***
- ***Whipped Potatoes***
- ***Squash, Mixed Vegetables***
- ***Tortierre Pie***
- ***Homemade Tea Biscuits***

Dessert:

- ***Apple Crumb Pie***
- ***Assorted Cheesecakes***

Thursday, December 3rd
Friday, December 4th
6:30 pm

\$17.99 (plus HST)

RESERVATIONS

Call Susan at 757-2250



Christmas Pies – Christmas Pies are being offered this year from Lynn in the kitchen. Tortierre Pies - \$10.00, Pumpkin & Apple Pies - \$7.00 to order please contact Lynn at 757-8814.