



**January 3, 2019**

To our Members, and Guests,

Happy New Year. We hope each of you are well and have enjoyed your Holidays... whether with family or friends. We are well, and working to ensure that we are ready for the season when you return...

Following is an update concerning the various in process projects that we are working on.

#### Construction of Pro Shop

- Town approvals - we received the conditional approval for construction of the pro shop on Tuesday, December 18, subject only to an "appeal period" which expired this past Friday. We have confirmed with the Town of Parsonsfield this morning that no legitimate appeals were filed with the Town. We are now free to commence construction.
- In anticipation of approval, I placed a call to our foundation contractor on Monday of this week. Pat confirmed that he will be on-site "as soon as he completes two in process jobs", which he anticipates will be another three weeks. He will stay with our job once started until the foundation is done. We have used Pat and his company on a variety of projects over the years, and he has always been timely, and does outstanding work.
- The framers have said that they will break free from any job they are on as/when the foundation is completed in order to install the 1<sup>st</sup> floor deck framing. This is the first step so that the timber framed front section of the pro shop can be delivered and installed. The follow up construction and tie in of the remaining pro shop extension will follow shortly thereafter.
- It is a busy time for quality contractors...and we are lucky to have a group of contractors that understand our time demands, and who are willing to do all reasonably possible to get us going ASAP. We remain confident that the Pro Shop will be open and operable before May 1... and that will include the bag storage area planned for the walkout lower level.

#### Golf Course Superintendent

- We have received a significant number of inquiries from qualified Superintendents who are interested in leading the PLG Grounds crew moving forward. We have and will continue to conduct phone interviews. Follow up on-site interviews began yesterday. We intend to complete our interviews within the next two weeks and have the position filled this month.

#### Pro Shop Manager

- Our search for the right person to lead our experienced and returning pro shop team begins now. We are in contact with our industry-based organizations and expect to formally commence our search before we attend the PGA show in Orlando later this month.



- Our search will be focused on attracting an experienced person, who loves people, loves golf, and has experience working with leagues and tournaments. The position will be open to either a full-time year-round candidate or seasonal candidate looking to head south in the winter. In the event you know of or meet someone who you believe may be interested in talking to us about the position, please feel free to have them contact David Porter directly. Thank you.

#### Clubhouse, Restaurant and Function Facility

- Insurance – We continue to “dance” with the insurance company about our insurance claim. There is a significant disparity between coverage limits in the policy, and what the insurance company is “hoping” to settle for. We suspect that many of their positions taken are an attempt by them to leverage that settlement.
- Design – We have substantially completed the initial design phase for the new Clubhouse facility. The final design is dependent upon the level of insurance funding, and accordingly, we do not anticipate construction will commence until the 2019 golf season has commenced. We have already put substantial deposits on two 1840s timber frames that will serve as home for the restaurant/lounge, but the start of on-site construction will necessarily be delayed until we have finalized the insurance settlement. We remain hopeful that this will be resolved by early spring and intend to be ready to move forward with on-site construction immediately.

The disappointment we bore, associated with our collective loss this past year, has been replaced with a sense of challenge and excitement as we work together to recreate a special gathering place that will serve this community and our golfing and dining patrons for the next 100 years. In that regard, we want to thank you all for your continued support and encouragement this past year.

Together, we will make it happen.

Sincerely,

The Porters and the PLG Management Team