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## **ARE YOU READY FOR 2016**

*When I look back to all the newsletters that we printed, the last one was in May of 2015. So let us get this going again.*

*Here is what is going on with RIGC as we head into the new season for 2016. The club has elected a new board of directors for the class of 2016 thru 2019. When the new board met, the board members then voted in the officers of RIGC. The following represents the officers and the board of directors for the next three years.*

<i>President</i>	<i>Scott Moore</i>
<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Wm Siegert</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Rod Cooper</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Wynn Miller</i>
<i>Director</i>	<i>Ron Graham</i>
<i>Director</i>	<i>Willie Smith</i>
<i>Director</i>	<i>Bob Hagedorn</i>

*Scott Moore was appointed by the board to be the club’s delegate to Golf Association of Michigan. During the off- year the club has formed three new committees. These committees are:*

### **Rules Committee**

*Bill Siegert Chairman  
Dennis Hansinger  
Bob Hagedorn*

### **Handicap Committee**

*Wynn Miller-Chairman  
Scott Grace  
Member to be named*

### **Tournament and Open Play**

*Rod Cooper-Chairman  
Jessie Phillips  
Member to be named*

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## Competition Committee

*Scott Moore-Chairman*

*Rod Cooper*

*Wynn Miller*

*Bill Siegert*

*Member to be named*

*Each of these committees has a defined function. If there are members out there that want to get involved in any of these committees or other, just let me know.*

*As usual in any club of our caliber, you lose members and your gain members. We will lose five or so members from the past but we will gain an additional 10.*

*Each time a new member comes on board; there will be a blanket email to the present membership of introduction of the new member.*

*For example, George Karam from Macomb Twp. has joined for 2016. George I am told is about a 14 and comes from recommendation of Rende and Quintana. I am told he plays with a large group on Tuesdays out at Twin Lakes.... Welcome George...*

*I am serious looking at the flights for 2016. If it is approved by the Competition Committee, then we will go into three flights with a defined qualification for each flight. This also brings into play our event fees. The skins money will be adjusted between all three flights as it was done for the two flights. The par threes will be played from whatever tee box your flight is assigned and Low Net of the day is still collectively of the group.*

*There is rumor with many request, the competition could very well bring back the “three putt” revenue enhancement program. For those who are new to this----you donate \$1.00 for each three putt you have in your round, with a maximum of \$5.00. This is going to be on the honor system, therefor there will be just one person in each foursome/threesome that is assigned to mark the three putts and collect the money. We DO NOT have to have an accounting of who are contributing, just the card, and the three putt donations. Makes it easier and on the honor system.*

*2016 is going to be an exciting event year for RIGC. As it is appearing, we will have a full complement of players for our Match Play Championship and other championships. If the numbers hold, we will have 64 competitors, which mean there will be two weeks in a row for match play to get it down to the sweet 16. Those that have won this event in the past,*

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*know how difficult it is to win 7 straight matches to become one of a few Club Match Play Champions*

*Coming up this year is our Club Championships. These will be played on consecutive Wednesday and will have five sections. The championship sections will be: OPEN DIVISION, SENIOR DIVISION, SUPER-SENIOR DIVISION AND MASTERS DIVISION. All members qualify for the net champion of the club.*

*In all of our tournaments, the rules with qualifications will appear by email or printed on the website.*

*Speaking of our website, the board is looking into changing the website that would be very interactive with the membership. Everyone will be informed of any changes of our website as we move along. As the website stands now, it is stagnate until we get a new system set up and running.*

*The RIGC Member/Guest Invitation was a great success last year in September and we are moving forward to make the 2016 Invitation better than the last. FOR THOSE WHO FEARED that the course would be set up to difficult, well as it proves it was not. As proven by the winning team of Wynn Miller, who came out of one of the lower flights, you can win the whole thing. In addition, speaking of that winner, Miller's team had to beat Sulucci's team on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole with a long putt to win it. Low net of the event went out to the “A” flihter-Stencel and his partner Gordy who carded a low 59.*

*IF anyone would like to help me and Jessie Phillips on this Invitational, let me know. We can use a half a dozen of us to do all the extras to make it a total success---THIS highlights the club to the guest.*

*We will be continuing our other fun things such as: MEMBER/MEMBER and if I were you, I would be getting a commitment from my partner NOW. We had 48 of us in the event and we look forward to at least that number for 2016. Again, we will be playing out of Twin lakes and having a cookout post the tournament hosted by Ed Phillips... This will be Aug 24.*

*Mayor's Yellow Ball Challenge—again a success last year and we continue with the same two courses in Birmingham. Our host is Scott Moore and the cookout will be after the event at Lincoln Hills. There will be another putting contest put on by Wynn Miller---it was a beatch last year.....*

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*The season will close again with the 27 hole blind draw. This year however, the format will be a bit different and the speed of the round will be much faster.*

*As usual, the club will have its annual dinner and awards presentation.*

### **TAKE NOTE**

*The spring meeting will be Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup> about 5 pm and the venue will be announced, at this time I do not know if we will have a guest speaker.*

*ALSO, very important:*

*If you have paid your 2016 dues, then disregard this notice*

*If you do not plan to attend the gathering in April, I suggest that you send in your dues prior to that date.*

*If you plan to attend the gathering and opening, then as usual you can bring in your money then.*

*If you are bringing in a new member and they come with you on the 9<sup>th</sup>, please bring along one of the applications. This makes it easier for me to enroll the person within our roster.*

*Finally, if you are not going to be able to participate in RIGC this year, please let me know in advance. We appreciate your previous enjoyment with us and if you feel you want to play in a future year, and then there is nothing additional you would need to do other than send in your money.*

*With that I wish you all a very healthy and warm winter/spring.....enjoy the weather and stay safe----see you in April.....*

*Yes, there will be other emails to follow.....*

*Rodney J Cooper*