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March is finally here and that means spring is right around the corner. Daylight savings occurs on March 12th and the clocks will spring forward one hour.

Wednesday night men's league will start after daylight savings. Don't miss out on the first men's league of the year on Wednesday March 15th at 5:30 p.m.

Our next Social event, March Madness is coming on March 25th starting at 6:00 p.m. This new and exciting event will feature a pop-a-shot competition for men and women as well as a bracket challenge. Prizes will be awarded to the winners in each. If pop-a-shot isn't your thing, we will have ping pong, bags, as well as other games for the whole family. Food and drink specials will be available all night.

March starts our first good recruiting month. I will be out advertising membership opportunities over the next few months. If you know anyone considering joining a Club, please have them give me a call. The best members are referred by you. This works well for retention and you get bonuses from the referral program. As a reminder here is how the referral program works: For each new member that you refer to the club, you will get \$150 in credit and they will get \$150 in credit. There is no limit to the amount of people you can refer. The credit can be used for purchases in the Restaurant or the Pro Shop.

If you are a new member with an annual renewal date in March or April, you should have received a letter from me. Most of you renew in June and will receive your annual renewal letter in May. At the February Board Meeting, the Board approved a dues increase of 4%. This is a small increase and our rates remain the most competitive in the area.

The new fremonthillsgolf.com website is up and running. It is a much needed update and it will be kept current with more images of Club activities.

I want everyone to enjoy their experience as a member of Fremont Hills, so if you have any feedback, I would love to hear it.

See you at the Club!

Grill and Pub Manager



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Hello Membership,

March is here now, golfing tournaments are right around the corner and I for one can't wait. We have had many of our friends snow birding and as they arrive back home we at the Grille & Pub are anxiously awaiting the opportunity to serve the new menu and upcoming specials.

March Madness is coming up so I met with Creed Allen from the Social Committee to do something special. I don't want to steal any wind from his sails, so I won't comment on his end but I will say there will be lots of beer, wings, and pizzas available on special.

I would like to take a moment and give praise to my staff, Chef Mike and his kitchen crew along with Tim, Liz, and our dedicated server staff all came together and knocked one clean out of the park on Valentine's Day!! We had an amazing menu with Gourmet dishes and Liz's Love Potion #9 drink special was an awesome cocktail to accent a great night of food and dancing. My personal thanks to each and every one of my crew. You raised the bar on everything and made me proud to be your Food & Beverage Director!

Finally, I'd like to welcome our new Sous Chef Russ Erter. He comes to us with a wide variety of service back ground from banquet cooking at MSU to plate creation at Metropolitan Grille. I expect that he will mesh well with our kitchen staff and Chef Mike to raise the level of expectations and keep things new and exciting.

Mark Your Calendars

March 7—Blue Plate Special—Spaghetti and Meatballs

March 9—Dinner Special—Coq Au Vin Chicken

March 25—March Madness Social Event

April 16—Easter Brunch

Signature Oak



Rich Havens

Note from the Signature Oak Fund Chairman.

As many of you know, Fremont Hills Country Club is the best-kept secret in the Ozarks. My wife and I have been full members since 2004 and have lived in Fremont Hills since 2006. We have enjoyed everything that living in a golf community has to offer. In 2013 we were asked to join The Signature Oak Fund that provides additional capital support for our club.

Since the SOF was created in 2004, over \$171,000 in beautification and capital improvement projects have been completed.

Currently, through collaboration and the generosity of Dave and Gayle Bingham, the project management of Sam Richart, and the SOF, we have a beautification project in progress for the entryway into the parking lot of FHCC. The Bradford Pear trees and the lone pine tree have been removed and will be replaced with Norway Spruces and October Glory Maples. This project is scheduled to be completed by April 2017.

So, why join the Signature Oak Fund? If you want to help make Fremont Hills Country Club the best version of itself, this is a way to accomplish that goal. Please visit our updated website (fremonthillsgolf.com) and click on the Signature Oak Fund link for more information. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me at signatureoakfund@gmail.com.

Pro Shop

The first day of spring is right around the corner on Monday, March 20th. This is the kick start to another great golf season! The full tournament schedule is available online at fremonthillsgolf.com. Please make plans to join us for the first event of the year, the Chili Open on April 22nd.

Beginning March 16, through April 16, Titleist is having a ProV1 and ProV1x promotion. ProV1 and ProV1x golf balls will be: buy 3 dozen, get the 4th free. That's a \$50 savings! Make sure to take advantage of this to stock up on golf balls before the season gets underway. This promotion includes free personalization and custom numbers.

We would like to welcome Justin Bulcock to the Pro Shop staff. His first day as an Assistant Golf Professional will be Monday March 6th. Please stop by and say hello.

Mark Your Calendars

April 19 - Demo Day (Taylormade, Callaway, Titleist, and Mizuno)

April 19 & 20—Ladies Golf School

April 22—Chili Open



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Grounds & Greens

This winter has been one for the record books! The rumor is.....it was warmest February on record. You never know what weather is going to do around here, but we have definitely had more warm days than cool ones! Many of the trees began blooming in February and the daffodils were doing the same. I hope this is not a preview of the upcoming summer, but it has allowed the membership to play some winter golf.

The trees for the entryway have arrived. We will install them in-house during the first part of March. We have 8 Red Maples and 6 Norway spruces. I would like to say thank you to Dave and Gayle Bingham for purchasing all the trees for the entryway. They are going to look great!

Out on the golf course the grass is greening up! I can already see the benefits of the additional seeding and fertilizing we did last fall. The additional fertilizer and weed control we will be applying this spring should help thicken the new grass as well. We will begin fertilizing the cool-season turf during March (Greens, Surrounds and Rough). The bermuda (tees and fairways) usually takes till the first part of April to begin greening up and we will fertilize it towards the end of April. **Greens aerification is scheduled for March 20th and 21st. The front 9 will be closed on Monday and the back 9 will be closed on Tuesday.** As always, this process is a necessary evil to help the greens during the hot summer months.

The marked tree on hole 7 and the two trees near the green on hole 17 are scheduled for removal on Monday March 6th. My crew and I will remove the remaining walnut trees along 17 fairway during the same week. We have also decided to remove four additional trees. Two of the trees are decaying and are a safety hazard to golfers. They are located in the rough on hole 2 and near the tee box on hole 12. The final two trees are also on hole 12 between the blue/gold tee and the cart path. These trees, combined with a large amount of foot traffic are creating a large bare area between the tee and cart path. After all the trees have been removed the stumps will be ground and the areas will be seeded.

I look forward to a great 2017 season!



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Calendar

For a complete list of 2017 events, visit
www.fremonthillsgolf.com



March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Blue Plate Special— Spaghetti and Meatballs	8	9 Dinner Special—Coq Au Vin Chicken	10	11
12 Daylight Savings Time	13 Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 March Madness Social Event 6:00 p.m.
26	27	28	29	30	31	