



Message from the President: February 2019

Greetings from Southern California! My wife and I are spending the winter months with our new grandchild. I return to EA at the end of each month to attend Board meetings and meet with our Managers.

Let me begin with a note of appreciation to the outgoing Board Members, John Holder, Doug Marky and John McKenna. Their hard work and dedication to our Club is recognized and appreciated.

The first meeting of your Board of Directors occurred last week. We welcomed new members Ann Woloszynski, Kevin Rozo and Jon Zach. Their advice and counsel were immediately appreciated. As in the past, our primary focus is on membership and club finances. As of the end of January our golf membership is 217, about the same as a year ago. Under the direction of David Finn, Club Treasurer, we are developing a Five Year Strategic Plan to identify sufficient funds for capital development and establish parameters for debt limits and structure. Finally, the option to prepay the food and

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**THE CLUB WILL REOPEN WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 6TH AT 4:00 P.M.**

Club Hours December 2018

Sunday: Closed

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 4pm-8pm
"Wine Down Wednesday"

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 11am-8pm
Fish Fry Friday

Saturday: 11am-8pm
Prime Rib Saturday

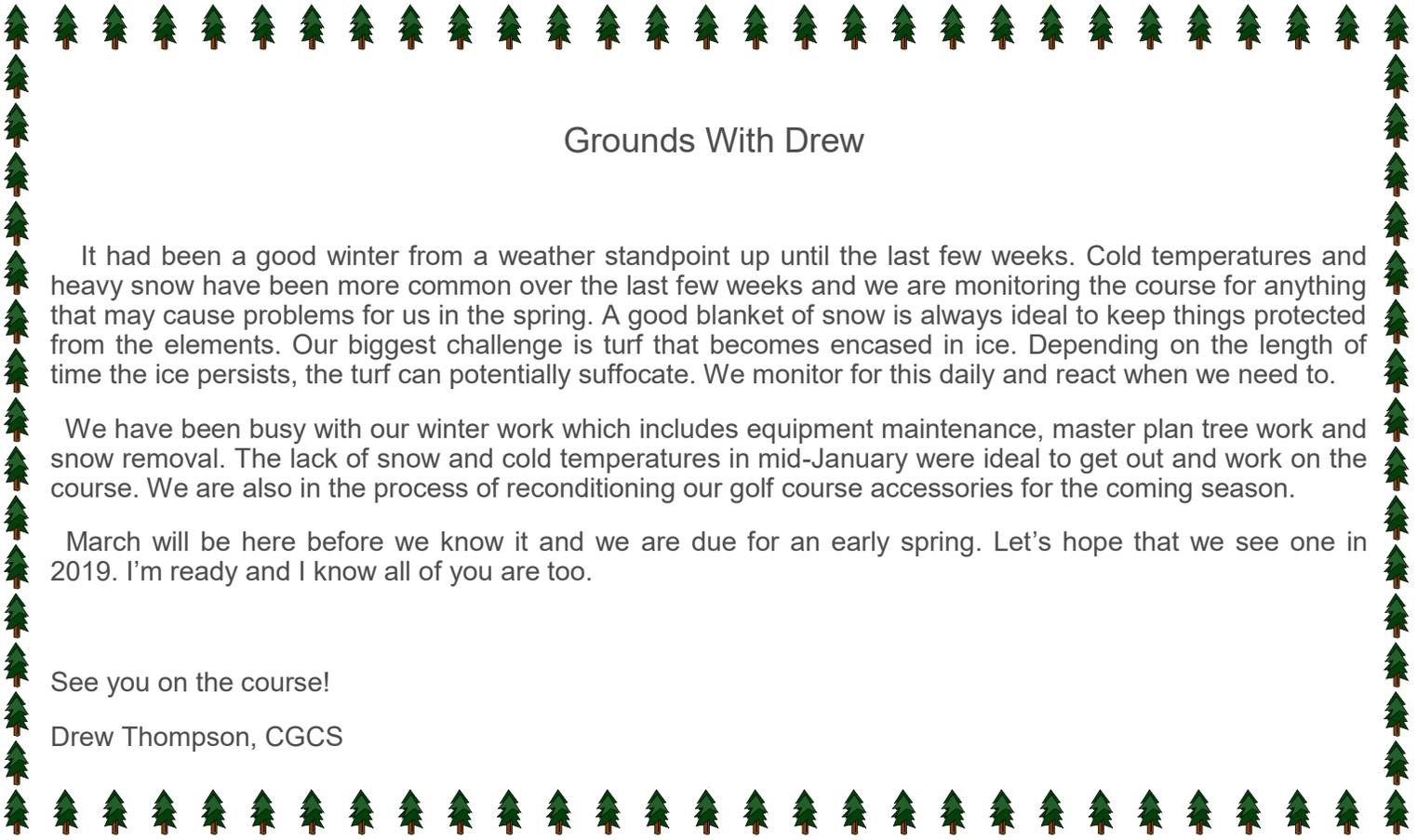
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and beverage minimum appears to be favorably received. As of January 28 approximately 100 members have selected this option.

As you are aware, we decided to make a change in the Executive Chef position in our Clubhouse. Under the direction of Erik Kanner, Club House Manager, a committee comprised of David Jones, Drew Thompson, Frank Trzepakowski, and Matt Hasselback reviewed 40 applicants. Two final candidates emerged and were interviewed on January 18 and Thomas Nocera was selected to be our Executive Chef. Tom has over 20 years' experience with his most recent position at the Blue Lantern Lounge. We are excited about Tom's leadership and passion for cooking. Erik expects to introduce Tom at the year's first Wine Down Wednesday on February 6.

This is my 27th year as an EACC member and it is an honor to serve as your President for 2019. I look forward to working with the Board, our employees and our membership.

Jay Hoagland, President



Grounds With Drew

It had been a good winter from a weather standpoint up until the last few weeks. Cold temperatures and heavy snow have been more common over the last few weeks and we are monitoring the course for anything that may cause problems for us in the spring. A good blanket of snow is always ideal to keep things protected from the elements. Our biggest challenge is turf that becomes encased in ice. Depending on the length of time the ice persists, the turf can potentially suffocate. We monitor for this daily and react when we need to.

We have been busy with our winter work which includes equipment maintenance, master plan tree work and snow removal. The lack of snow and cold temperatures in mid-January were ideal to get out and work on the course. We are also in the process of reconditioning our golf course accessories for the coming season.

March will be here before we know it and we are due for an early spring. Let's hope that we see one in 2019. I'm ready and I know all of you are too.

See you on the course!

Drew Thompson, CGCS

House News

Welcome back members!

January has proved to be anything but dull around the clubhouse as we had to make some difficult and drastic changes to launch our House into the new year.

First, we made the very difficult decision to let our executive chef, Steve Funnell, go after serving the EACC faithfully for many years. These decisions are always hard, but necessary to make in order to continually grow as a culinary destination. We thank Chef Steve for his many years of service and wish him the very best in his journeys ahead.

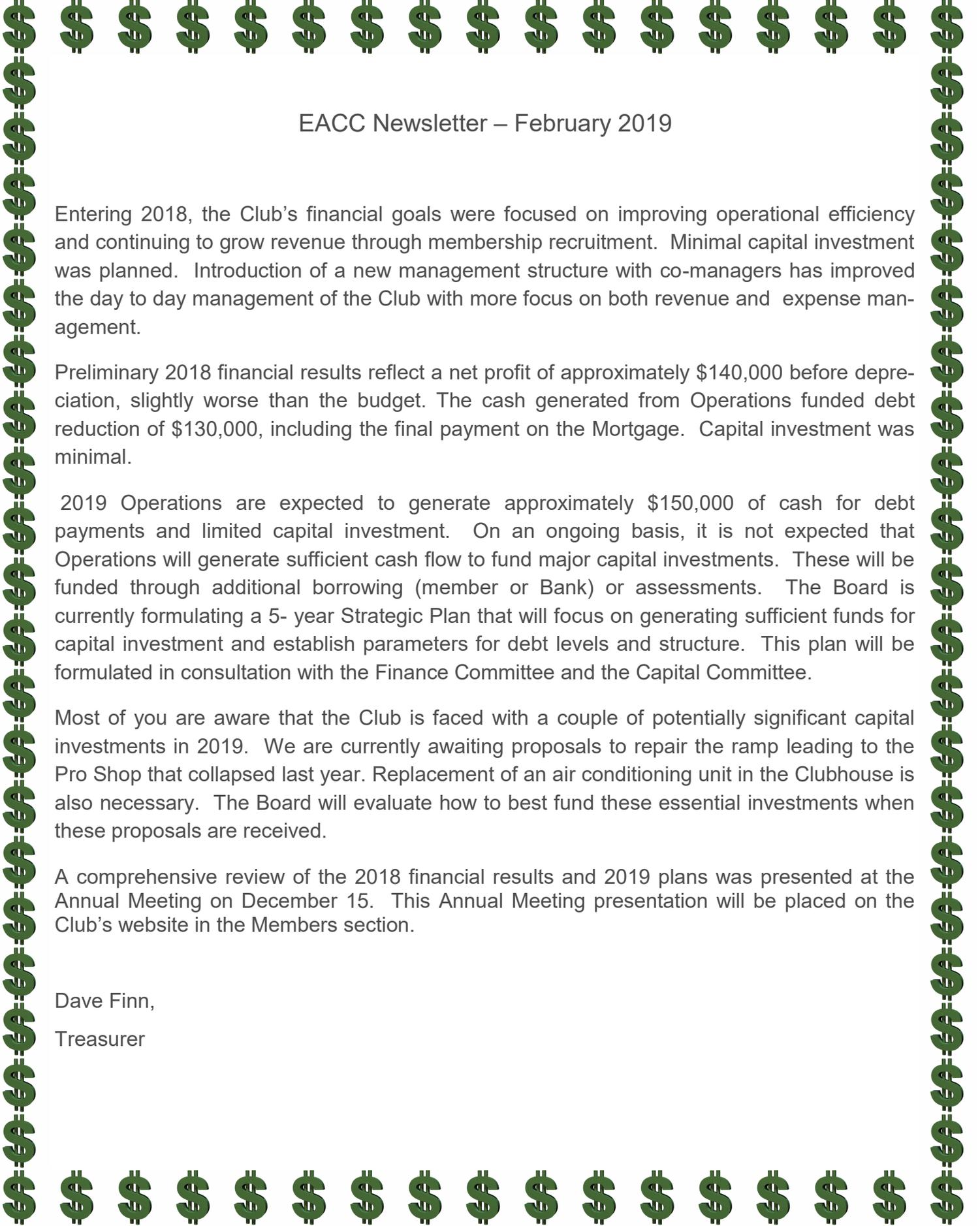
With all endings come new beginnings, and we are beginning this year with one of the most talented chefs in the area. Please be sure to give a warm East Aurora welcome to the newest addition to the EACC family, Chef Thomas Nocera! Chef Tom has over 20 years of culinary experience, ranging from other Country Clubs, to corporate dining, to small restaurants. Most will recognize him as the past chef of The Blue Lantern Lounge, where Chef Tom spent over 4 years as the executive chef. We are beyond excited to relaunch our kitchen into a new culinary experience where fresh flavors are key and new and classic cooking techniques find a favorable page on our new menu. Along with a new executive chef, we also hired brand new cooks to help Chef Tom make our kitchen something special. Cheryl Hayes is still with us to make her delicious Carrot Cake and Creme Brulee. Don't be surprised to see new and exciting treats whipped up by Cheryl as her and Tom work together to create sweet, delicious desserts.

If you enjoy playing Euchre, grab a partner and sign up with our Saturday night Euchre league. Every Saturday night at 6:00pm, the Euchre league will meet in the Trophy Room (Casual attire is accepted ONLY for Trophy Room) and play 8 hands per game. After the 8 hands are up, the winning team with the most points moves on to the next table and switch partners with that table. The entry fee each Saturday is \$15, each winner of the evening will receive a cash prize, and at the end of the season (Mid to late April) the person with the most points added up wins the bonus cash prize, the more you play, the better your chances of winning. If you are short a player I will be very happy to fill in.

Finally, we will be open on Thursday, February 14 for a special Valentine's Day menu. The details of the menu are still in the works as our new chef is busy putting together something unique for the members. We will post the menu on the website as soon as it's ready, in the meantime plan on being at the club for this great occasion.

The house staff and myself are looking forward to seeing everyone soon, and making 2019 one of the best seasons yet.

Eric Kanner
Clubhouse Manager



EACC Newsletter – February 2019

Entering 2018, the Club's financial goals were focused on improving operational efficiency and continuing to grow revenue through membership recruitment. Minimal capital investment was planned. Introduction of a new management structure with co-managers has improved the day to day management of the Club with more focus on both revenue and expense management.

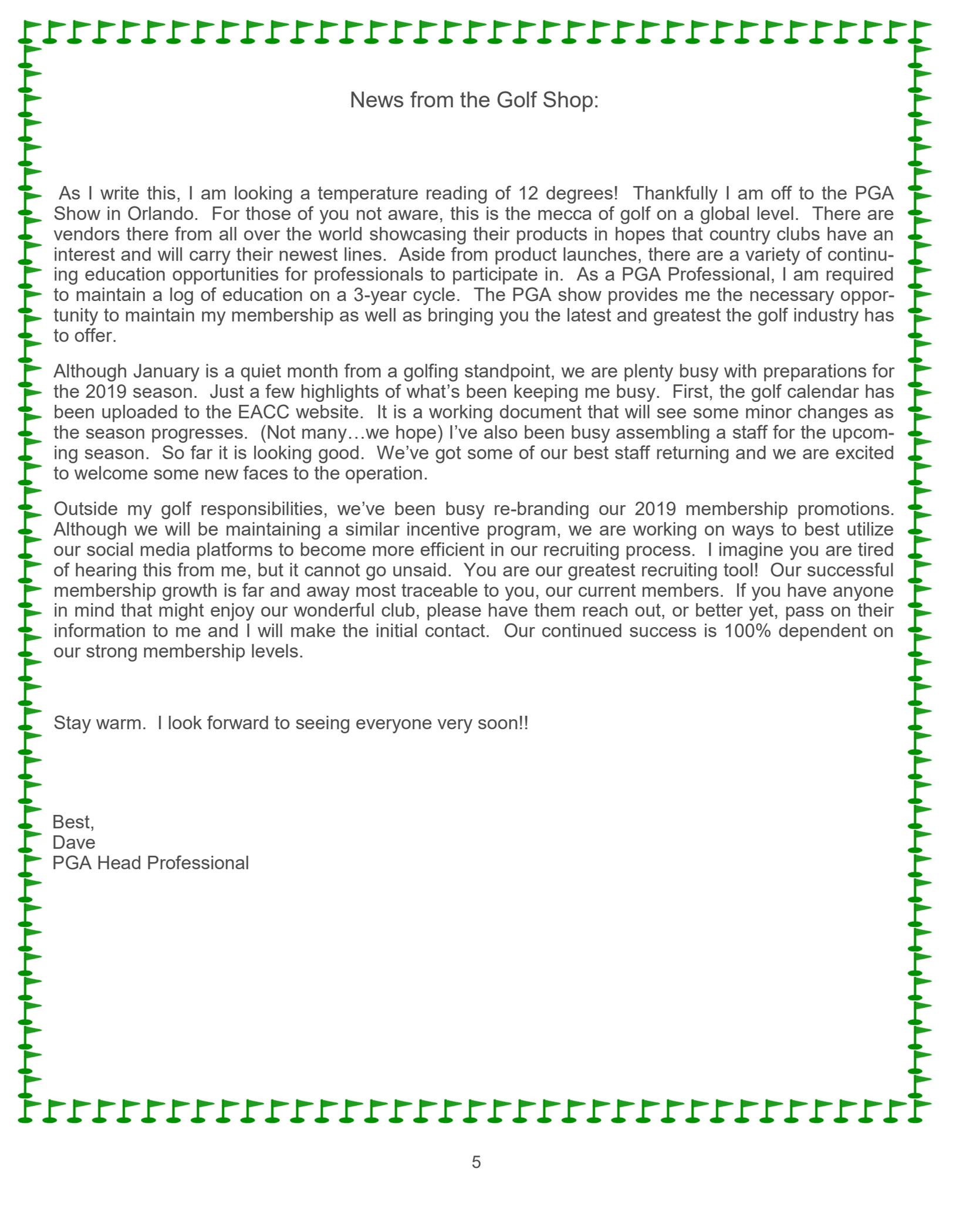
Preliminary 2018 financial results reflect a net profit of approximately \$140,000 before depreciation, slightly worse than the budget. The cash generated from Operations funded debt reduction of \$130,000, including the final payment on the Mortgage. Capital investment was minimal.

2019 Operations are expected to generate approximately \$150,000 of cash for debt payments and limited capital investment. On an ongoing basis, it is not expected that Operations will generate sufficient cash flow to fund major capital investments. These will be funded through additional borrowing (member or Bank) or assessments. The Board is currently formulating a 5- year Strategic Plan that will focus on generating sufficient funds for capital investment and establish parameters for debt levels and structure. This plan will be formulated in consultation with the Finance Committee and the Capital Committee.

Most of you are aware that the Club is faced with a couple of potentially significant capital investments in 2019. We are currently awaiting proposals to repair the ramp leading to the Pro Shop that collapsed last year. Replacement of an air conditioning unit in the Clubhouse is also necessary. The Board will evaluate how to best fund these essential investments when these proposals are received.

A comprehensive review of the 2018 financial results and 2019 plans was presented at the Annual Meeting on December 15. This Annual Meeting presentation will be placed on the Club's website in the Members section.

Dave Finn,
Treasurer



News from the Golf Shop:

As I write this, I am looking a temperature reading of 12 degrees! Thankfully I am off to the PGA Show in Orlando. For those of you not aware, this is the mecca of golf on a global level. There are vendors there from all over the world showcasing their products in hopes that country clubs have an interest and will carry their newest lines. Aside from product launches, there are a variety of continuing education opportunities for professionals to participate in. As a PGA Professional, I am required to maintain a log of education on a 3-year cycle. The PGA show provides me the necessary opportunity to maintain my membership as well as bringing you the latest and greatest the golf industry has to offer.

Although January is a quiet month from a golfing standpoint, we are plenty busy with preparations for the 2019 season. Just a few highlights of what's been keeping me busy. First, the golf calendar has been uploaded to the EACC website. It is a working document that will see some minor changes as the season progresses. (Not many...we hope) I've also been busy assembling a staff for the upcoming season. So far it is looking good. We've got some of our best staff returning and we are excited to welcome some new faces to the operation.

Outside my golf responsibilities, we've been busy re-branding our 2019 membership promotions. Although we will be maintaining a similar incentive program, we are working on ways to best utilize our social media platforms to become more efficient in our recruiting process. I imagine you are tired of hearing this from me, but it cannot go unsaid. You are our greatest recruiting tool! Our successful membership growth is far and away most traceable to you, our current members. If you have anyone in mind that might enjoy our wonderful club, please have them reach out, or better yet, pass on their information to me and I will make the initial contact. Our continued success is 100% dependent on our strong membership levels.

Stay warm. I look forward to seeing everyone very soon!!

Best,
Dave
PGA Head Professional

IJM Update February 2019

2019!?!? Wow. Seems like only a short while ago we were concerned about Y2K.

As we mark yet another trip around the sun, the IJM Committee has begun to plan for the 67th Annual IJM. The dates for this year's tournament will be June 24-28. We have sent letters out to our 2018 tournament sponsors along with new prospective sponsors for this year. Further, Paul's Player Development group has begun its work and has received several player applications already!

The Committee is refreshed and eagerly anticipating this year's tournament. We have altered the format for this year's tournament, eliminating the match play portion for the Top 32 on Wednesday afternoon. As a result all flights will be determined off of the 36 hole medal play scores Tuesday and Wednesday. All other events remain the same. Mark your calendars for the Ham Am on June 24 and the Finals Party on June 28.

As always, our planning groups are looking for new members to assist in our efforts. Specifically we are looking for assistance with the Ham Am, Finance, Operations, Housing and Publicity. If you have any interest please reach out to Ron Olson, Paul O'Brien, Frank Ziolkowski or me and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Jeff Kamien
Tournament Director

MULLIGAN'S NEWS

A couple of reminders for those Mulligans that chose to brave the snow & cold:

- with the club not opening until Feb 6th, the Mulligans will continue to meet for lunch at Wallenweins on Friday Feb 1st.
- we will resume meeting at the club on Friday Feb 8th.
- entries in this year's prediction (lucky guess) on when the Mulligans will have their first complete 2019 round will soon be open. Phil Kadet will again be the point person to submit your entry!
- we have received no post cards from those members who have missed at least the last 3 meetings. Must be the government 'shut down' has caused these all to be quarantined...

Brian Huckle, 2nd VP
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Women's Board

February 2019

The Christmas decorations have once again come down and are packed for another season while we hopefully await arrival of an early spring. Meanwhile, welcome to a cold and snowy 2019!

For those that were able to attend, it almost goes without saying that "Breakfast with Santa" was another sellout, smashing, success enjoyed by all! Thanks to Eric & staff for helping the event to go off seamlessly without a hitch.

Mary Murphy, our liaison with The Family Justice Center was truly overwhelmed by the generosity demonstrated by our club members through the annual "Giving Tree" program. On "pick-up" day, her vehicle was literally filled to the brim like Santa's sleigh. Many thanks to each and everyone who truly gave from the heart providing those less fortunate an opportunity to have a Merrier Christmas than they might not otherwise have had. A definite reflection on our EACC community.

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank those Board Members that completed their terms in 2018. Their positive contributions to EACC throughout their tenure were much appreciated. Special thanks certainly goes to our former President, Emily Bobak (Obrist), for her leadership, inventiveness, & attention to detail in the execution of her duties which was clearly demonstrated in the accomplishments of the Board throughout the 2018 year.

The following individuals comprise the 2019 Women's Board:

President:	Kathy Lentz
Vice-President:	Jody Marshall
Treasurer:	Linda LaManna
Secretary:	LuAnn Burghardt
Publicity:	Becky Freeman
Events/Programs:	Judy Kohlhas
	Katie Wolozynski
18 Hole Representative:	Debbie Colt
9 Hole Representative:	Lisa Bonaventura
President Ex-Officio:	Emily Bobak (Obrist)

As we look towards the coming year, we are planning for some new & exciting changes that we hope will be of value to all. As always, we look for your feedback in an effort to better service the EACC community through our collective efforts.

A small "sneak preview" for 2019, more to follow, save the dates:

- 3 Hole Mixer (Saturday 05/11/19)
- Lucky Ladies (Saturday 06/01/19)
- Drive for the Cure (Friday Social 08/23/19)



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February

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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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