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Dear Wildcat Member,

We would like to wish you and your family a warm and happy holiday season. It's a great time of year for everyone to slow down and enjoy the change of seasons. With some luck, we should have some warm breakout days ahead for some golf at Wildcat. We look forward to everyone's return.

Our first year of owning the course is almost complete. We've spent the first year cleaning up and repairing the buildings. We've added a new control system at the pump station, installed a new irrigation control box and repaired the second box so irrigation can now be ran from all boxes. We have removed over 100 dead trees with the help of Paul Flake, Jeff Mayle and their crews. Thank you to the many members and residents who helped pick up sticks in the months to follow. Soon after that we had all the stumps ground down, Steven Deves and his crew removed the pool and pool house and we supplied the rock to finish the project. The pro shop received a new computer system, website, internet and phone line which allows us to stay connected, book tee times on line, accept credit cards, and track sales. We purchased the fleet of 25-golf carts and had all carts serviced to keep them running well all year long. We aerated the greens and top dressed them with sand several times this year to start changing the green profile underneath. We seeded and aerated the tee's this fall so they should be in much better shape going forward. Target poles and yardage signs were added to the driving range. We stocked the pro shop with merchandise, started to serve beer, hotdogs and bratwurst during the busier times, replaced the tee markers, cups, flags and flagsticks. Overall, we think we had a good year. We couldn't have done all this without your daily help and support as members.

Plans are well underway to make 2025 even better. We 've purchased enough seed to reseed all the fairways next spring. We are draining the lake some to repair the water inlet pipe and replacing the 3-inch value on the incoming line to pumphouse. We plan to roll the greens more to speed them up, continue aerating and topdressing them to allow us to dry them out. We are getting bids to replace 3 of the concrete bridges and are working on getting a tractor and large ruff mower to allow us to cut the rough at 2 ½ inches.

Member signups are now underway for the 2025 golf season. We will continue on with the Tuesday and Thursday Leagues. We are going to try and schedule 4 Wildcat tournaments ourselves this year and continue on with the local tournaments that we hosted this year. If you want to mail your membership in with check, drop it off in the mailbox outside pro shop or sign up on line. If you have any questions or new ideas you can always email me at kporter@bearcreekgolf.com Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Best Wishes, Kirk Porter General Manager / PGA Golf Professional