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GOLF CLUB

The MAGCS monthly meeting for January will make its triumphant return to Arrowhead Golf Course on the 24th, with Bob Breen once again serving as our host. Bob has been at the helm of Arrowhead since taking the reins from his father, Bob Sr., 12 years ago. Combined, the Breens have been caring for Arrowhead for 45 years!

Now for a little course history, which many of you may not know. Original architect Stanley Pelchar designed the track—then named Antlers Country Club—in the mid-1920s (around the time MAGCS was formed) for the Elks Club, the original owners. The Great Depression took its toll on many golf courses at the time, and Antlers C.C. was one of those to go “belly up.” A new owner arrived on the scene, and the first order of business was to change the facility’s name to Arrowhead G.C. From that time, business went on as usual until 1982, when the Wheaton Park District assumed ownership of the course and has been operating it since.

In 1995, the club undertook a major renovation project involving the reconstruction of each of the three nines (greens, tees, bunkers, cart paths—you name it) over the next six years. Architect Ken Killian planned the project this way to keep

18 holes in play throughout the reconstruction. The East nine was done first, followed by the South in '97-'98, and finally the West in '99 - 2000. The most recent improvement is a \$2-million maintenance facility, which Bob is eager to show off, inviting anyone attending the meeting to stop in for a look around. Bob’s fondest wish now is the opportunity to “catch his breath” after these past many years of construction.

Bob and his family—wife Angie, son John (26) and daughter Mary (15)—recently moved to Sugar

Grove where life is (in theory) simpler and quieter. With all the major projects at work behind him, Bob can take the time to enjoy watching Mary pitch varsity softball (as a sophomore) for Kaneland High School and to get a little fishing in here and there. Bob, along with food-and-beverage manager Debbie Enders and all the staff at Arrowhead, look forward to seeing a big MAGCS turnout on January 24.

Remember, make ski plans—a meeting at Arrowhead has ALWAYS included a blizzard! See you there.



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