

2026 President's Letter

Members,

On behalf of the Bill Wright Golf & Social Club Board and Committee, welcome to the **2026 Season**. We are excited to have you as a member and are looking forward to the tournament season.

This year, we will continue striving to create and maintain a great member experience, being responsive to your input, and focusing on our fundamentals as a club: Great fun and competitive tournament play. Foundational to why we are a club at Bill Wright is:

- To promote and foster among the members a closer bond and fraternity for their joint and mutual benefit, and to promote and conserve the best interests and true spirit of the game of golf as embodied in its ancient and honorable traditions;
- To encourage conformance to the USGA Rules of Golf by creating a representative authority;
- To maintain and provide a uniform system of handicapping as set forth in the USGA Handicap System and issue handicap indexes to the members; and
- To provide an authoritative body to govern and conduct club competitions.

2026 will be an especially noteworthy year for our club. We will see the golf course restored to its original design, with major progress on long-planned improvements. Later this spring, the netting project on holes #11 and #12 will bring back what architect Robert Johnstone envisioned in 1913. When construction begins, there may be additional interruptions to play. We will communicate any impacts to our tournament schedule and make adjustments as needed. Thank you in advance for your patience—these upgrades will be well worth it.

Thank you to members who have responded to our [2025 Club Survey](#) - you provided really valuable feedback. Many have told us they are happy with the mix of fun and competitive tournaments on our schedule, and appreciative of the improved communications and live scoring that we introduced last season. But we've also learned about areas for improvement. Good. The survey is still open, if you haven't provided your feedback, click [here](#). It will only take 5-10 minutes of your time.

Of the continuing improvements, we'll build on live scoring through Golf Genius to fully digital scorecards. We are pleased with how 2025 went, digital scorecards will further relieve club staff from administrative burdens associated with club activities.

Of course, your membership and involvement is what makes all of this real. And membership growth is the key to our continued development as a club, so we invite you to invite your golfing friends, family, and acquaintances to join us. Please share this [link](#) to join the club.

Gentlemen, thank you, again, for making Bill Wright Golf & Social Club *your* club. We are honored to serve you and eager to compete with you in this game that so fully captivates us.

Best,

Aaron Czyzewski
President, Bill Wright Golf & Social Club

P.S. To learn more about the history of our course, enjoy this fascinating article (with photos) by Martin Pool of the Northwest Hickory Players Association ([here](#)).