



2012 Linden Golf & Country Club

Board of Directors Election

Voter's Pamphlet

Ballots & Hard copies of the Voter's Pamphlet will be mailed separately.

Candidate statements are included as submitted by the candidates without editing.

Ben Benson

My name is Ben Benson. I am seeking the position of Linden Board Member.

My golfing addiction began when I was 11 years old and I was hired as a dishwasher in the restaurant at Brookdale Golf Course. I spent the next several summers working in the restaurant and playing as much golf as possible. When I was 14 years old my family joined Linden Golf Club. I played on the Puyallup High School golf team where our home course was Linden. With the free golf lessons I received from my all time favorite golf pro, Dave Leon, I was able to obtain a golf scholarship from Green River Community College. I was a member at Linden until I was 24 years old. I then became a member at Fircrest Golf Club where I played golf for the next 20 years. In 2005 I returned to Linden Golf Club and have been a member here ever since. Today I continue to compete in amateur golf events all over the state.



If elected as a board member for the Linden Golf club I will bring years of golf experience to the board. I will enjoy working with other board members to continue to improve the condition of the golf course and the overall golfing experience for all members of Linden Country Club.

I am currently employed as a Detective Sergeant for the Pierce County Sheriff's Department. I have been employed by the Sheriff's Department for 27 years.

Thank you for your consideration.

Pat Keaton

I'm excited to be running for a position on the Board for Linden. While I haven't been a member for that long (less than 3 years) in golf years I feel like I've been around forever. Since my retirement in June following 35 years as a teacher and principal in the Dieringer and White River School Districts, I've spent most of my daylight hours walking the course at Linden. It occurred to me that recently that I should give something back to the course for all of the fun I've been having. This opportunity gives me that chance.

If elected I would seek your input and listen to your ideas on making our course even better than it is today. I hope I can count on your support.



Sincerely, Pat Keaton

Scott Kellogg

Married for 31 years to my partner Jackie. We have two wonderful daughters, Amanda and Jennifer. Employed for 35 years in the construction industry. Currently managing the west coast sales and operations for Berco of America, Inc., an Italian undercarriage manufacturer.

Golf enthusiast for 50 years, beginning at age 10 caddying at Vashon Golf & County Club, and plan to finish out my golf career at Linden. I will bring to the table many years of experience in sales, operations, budgeting, human resources and safety. With these skill sets I can help Linden Golf & C.C. with most anything it needs.



Barbara Kievat

Member of Linden golf for years. Served on board 2-3 terms earlier. Retired school teacher. Worked in Shoreline and Enumclaw schools & also overseas in Germany. Enjoyed being part of planning and knowing what was going on. Play as often as I can & observe things that need to be done.

Thanks, Barbara



Brian Mildenberger

I grew up in Puyallup and graduated from Rogers High School. Golf has always been a large part of my life. While I was in high school I worked on the grounds crew at High Cedars Golf Course and spent two summers working at Meridian Greens in the Pro Shop. I have a family membership at Linden and play the course often with my son.

I currently work for Simonton Windows as a District Sales Manager. I have 20 years of experience in the window and door industry in diverse roles, both in management and sales.

I believe Linden is an excellent club. As a board member, I would support improved playing conditions and the growth of the club's membership.



Mike Osteraa

My name is Mike Osteraa. I am married to Linda and we have three daughters, Britt, Tori, and Haley. We have enjoyed a family membership at Linden for over 25 years. I am a retired Northwest Airlines pilot and am now working at Alaska Airlines training pilots. I believe that being a member of the Board of Directors is about service to every member at Linden. I have served on several committees at Linden in the past (Tournament, Greens, Long Range Planning, Finance). I have also served on the Board of Directors and am a past President. I look forward to an opportunity to give back to this great golf club that has given so much to me and my family.

Thank you.



Scott Seelye

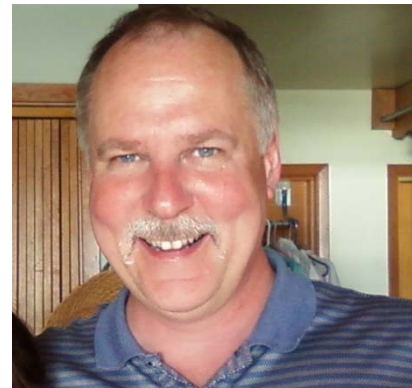
My name is Scott Seelye and I have been a member at Linden Golf & Country Club since 2005, have been on the board for the past three (3) years and have been your Vice President for the past two (2) years (2010 & 2011). It has been both an honor and pleasure to be on the Board of Directors and to be of service to all of our members. Over the past three (3) years I have come to appreciate the diversity of our members and staff and have strived to do what's in the best interest for the club. I truly believe that the current Board of Directors has been moving the club in the right direction and is dedicated to providing the best golf experience for each and every member. Because of the talented women and men who are serving on the current board, I have elected to run for another three (3) year term and if elected will continue to be dedicated to you, the members, to make Linden Golf & Country Club a great place to play golf! I appreciate your consideration for voting for me.



Thank you, Scott Seelye

Richard Talbot

In my three years on the Board (one year as Vice-President and one year as President) I was instrumental in accomplishing some very good things for Linden. I started a scholarship foundation for Linden with Licensing, IRS filing, and Foundation By-Laws now complete. This Scholarship Foundation will be a huge benefit for all Linden members, High school golfers, and our local communities. I Introduced Gil Hulsmann of Abbey Road for Flood control with government agencies appraisal. Though Gil's efforts, our course will get huge improvements, paid for by local and federal government grants. As President we combined our Ladies Club with the club Board. This has made us one club and improved communication with the Ladies organizations. I introduced new employee contracts (which were non-existent), improving the written understanding of our employees and club relationship. Combined all club records in one storage location so all club officers have access to records. Started club officer meetings to improve information needed for the functioning of our club. Spent time knowing our landlords (Leaseholders) on a first name basis, and keeping the good rapport with them as was done by Dave Leon for many years. Encouraged the use of our funds to purchase updated and new equipment for our course and pay cash, so we are not carrying loans to pay. With Ed Ortiz, President and me Vice President, negotiated the new easement for our road and sign with the owners and Dave Qunell. Worked with our neighbors the Elks to improve relations with them. Encouraged all members to participate on any committee; this produced some of the best tournaments and membership drives we have had. Received bids and negotiated for the asphaltting of the cart barn area and gravel for cart paths.



Problems facing Linden, in the future, and why I am willing to run for the Board again. At this point in time without good coordination from the Board to the Scholarship foundation we could have problems

getting it started. I would be active on the Board to promote this foundation's success. Gil Hullsman has informed me that several Board members have sought to have him replaced. I am not sure why, but I would negotiate to prevent this from happening and possible legal ramifications for breach of contract, as Gil's business is a leader in the communities for engineering and development. The Ladies committee needs strong support on the Board and I would continue to provide this support to our lady members. There may be few or not any Board members left on our Board that is aware of past employee negotiations. Our employees are of course very important to keeping our club running. Again few or none of current Board members have met or know our leaseholders. I would continue to keep in touch with them as our lease has still not been renegotiated for extension. I have worked on this Lease renegotiation in the past and would continue to do so if on the Board. I would watch and care for your money in a responsible way, keeping us out of debt and working with all Board members to achieve this goal. As you can see the easement road is not complete and our sign has not been installed. This last year I was a Board member only and negotiations with Dave Qunell had trouble with our sign. If on the Board I would be the only Board member that has been working with him from the start and would fight to make sure he upholds his signed agreement with us. Membership this last year has dropped to an all time low. If I was on the Board and had the opportunity to be elected President again, and even if not, this would change. Our membership would increase by marketing plans I could put in place.

There are rumors and innuendo floating around regarding my demeanor during my presidency. Rest assured, unless you were privy to all of the discussions at the board meetings, all of these rumors proved to be false or elaborated.

My year as President, I was elected by 51 percent of the voting Board members. The opposing members and I disagreed for most of the year on key issues which led to increased time and effort for positive decisions to be made. This should not be the case in any Board transaction. The board members are elected to serve you the membership by following the By-Laws. If I am reelected, I will sacrifice my time and effort to protect and uphold the By-Laws as they pertain to us the membership.

Bob Wiebusch

I have a long history with Linden Golf and Country Club. I worked a couple years for Dave Leon in the Pro Shop while attending PLU in the late '70s and I have had a family membership for the past 10 years. Joining Linden has offered me the opportunity to meet a lot of nice people and develop many good friendships. Having just retired from Boeing this summer, after 32 years of leading various aspects of the Purchasing Department, I now have time to contribute to the Linden Board. My business experience, coupled with over 40 years of being in and around the golf business, should allow me to make significant contributions to the Board as they attempt to lead the club in the appropriate direction.



My primary goals on the Board will be to: improve the playing condition of the course, continue the many golfing and other opportunities the club provides and assure Linden's financial situation remains solid.

Thank you for your consideration.