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Greetings Fellow Golfers,

To those of you that didn't come out this past December 16<sup>th</sup>, you missed a great day for our Inaugural 'Triple Six' tournament. 27 teams competed in a format of 6 holes Best Ball, 6 of Modified Alternate Shot and 6 of Superball. Gross and Net was paid out so everyone had a chance. Winners are James Griffin and Bo Hughes (64) of the Low Gross and Jay Davis and Byron Ash for the Low Net (53). But the biggest winner by far are the hungry and needy of Wayne County. You see, entry fee to this tournament was a modest cart and green fee plus either 10 cans of non-perishable food or \$10.00 donation to the Make a Difference Food Pantry (pictured above left: Mckinsey Hinson). In case you haven't noticed, the blank brick pavers are being installed by the flagpole out front. This will be our location for the honor/memorial pavers that we have been selling since the first of the year (see above). The first order of the bricks will take place in January 2018. So get your order in. The Golf Course Committee in its December meeting wanted me to mention a word about 'Course Etiquette', so I will touch upon a few highlights. Typical course maintenance includes repairing your divots in the fairways, repair of your ball mark on the greens and raking sand traps after play. These are just no-brainers. If everyone would do these things you would never have to hit out of a divot, putt over old ball marks or take a swing at your ball out of a footprint in the trap. One of the best lessons of life, I learned in Kindergarten; leave things as you find them or better. Another subject is that of misuse of golf carts. Cart rules are there for a specific reason. They are never made to punish anyone. 'Cart Path Only' days are instituted at the discretion of our Green Superintendent when he determines that the grass cannot sufficiently handle the stress of the extra weight of a golf cart. If you use a cart on the golf course, be aware of golf cart etiquette. These rules are designed for your safety, and to protect the turf on the fairways and greens. When you pay your greens fees, find out which cart rules are in effect for the day. Rangers are on hand to make sure players follow the rules. Read the warnings posted in many golf carts about keeping safe when you use a cart, such as limiting use to two passengers, and keeping arms and legs inside of the cart. Some courses post additional cart rules. Common sense dictates that the driver should wait until the passenger is seated before accelerating. Drive carefully around the clubhouse and at intersections. Never drink and drive. Keep your cart away from tee boxes, and 20 feet away from the tees and greens. A Brown Post with a White Top marks the spot in the fairway that carts MUST exit and return to the cart path. Do not drive close to water hazards, grassy mounds or bunkers. We do not allow golf carts on the fairway of a par-3 hole. Making sharp turns, or speeding along in the cart and coming to a sudden stop, can damage the turf grass. The same goes for driving through wet or muddy areas, or grass with standing water. For your safety and for the safety of your passenger, do not drive the cart in front of other players in your group or another group. Players should stay on the cart path whenever possible to protect the fairway turf. On days when the golf course requires cart path only, you must keep the golf cart on the designated path and off the grass. Drive to a point where you are even with the ball, and walk to the ball. You may want to take several golf clubs with you, since you won't be able to see the conditions near the ball from the cart. Course officials invoke this rule to protect the fairway grass, and may be in effect for all or some of the holes. Also, please make sure there are 2 riders per cart. Two carts with two players doubles the damage done to turf.

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