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## LETTER TO THE MEMBERSHIP ..... *Metamorphosis*

*After three years of negotiations, delays, and setbacks, the property south of the club house has been purchased. As urban encroachment presses, I can't think of a concern more essential in regard to securing the club's future than the attainment of this additional property. Our southern boundaries were positioned seemingly inches away from our buildings until now. Imagine our future if this southerly acreage had been sold and developed by someone other than us. So, with great joy, we are pleased to disclose that the quarter of a section south of us is now under the GHGC commonwealth.*

*Our original intention was to purchase about half that acreage. To make that possible, we partnered with another interested party in the area to avoid from engaging in a price war. Unfortunately, a few weeks before closing, they decided the timing was not right for them thereby withdrawing. It's more than we planned for and it's more debt than we would have preferred but the risk of not acting would have been full of regrets.*

***This is a bold move!*** *Whether by design or sheer dumb luck, it thrusts GHGC into a new era. You must check out the satellite graphics on our web site to get a meaningful perspective. Instantly we've more than doubled our size. Endless are the possibilities in front of us. General facility improvements, countless sporting trials, multiple venues, a possible deep bass fishing pond and anything else imaginable that would encourage our membership to bring their entire families. A lifetime of projects is in our future!*

***This means the best is yet to come!*** *As we speak, we are pressing forward on our first projects. First on the agenda are **cart barns, parking and another sporting course**. We probably have sixty to seventy members wanting cart barns. Parking, our biggest problem, has us thinking in terms of adding four hundred total spaces for our club. While we have plans for multiple sporting courses we will start with a third one right after clearing trees and figuring out the drainage, hopefully as soon as this fall or winter. We will be working as fast as finances and contractors will allow, so please be patient as good things are coming. Half of the new acreage is more than ample room to do all of this; the remaining acreage will stay in wilderness for the time being.*

*It is impossible to express how excited we are about all this as the advisory board, Kevin, Harry and I plan the improvements. Be a part of this by emailing your ideas to Kevin and follow the developing progress that will be posted on our website. Tell your friends about it. We are already visiting with experts in course design as we seek out new ideas to make GHGC one of the best family friendly clubs in America. Our single minded goal is to make this happen on our watch!*

— Cliff Moller

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