

Notes From the Editor

Welcome to an Izatys newsletter written by and for Izatys homeowners. I, with the blessings of our homeowners' association, intend to publish this newsletter at least twice yearly to inform homeowners of Izatys information. I will be working with the Izatys management team, the Homeowners Association, and Midwest Resorts, our property manager.

Newsy items about Izatys, including staff interviews and Izatys history, will be covered in this newsletter.

Why is there a need for this newsletter, you say? Well, I too have a vested interest in this resort. My husband Len, and I started coming up to Izatys in the 1970s with our neighborhood golf groups from New Brighton. In 1983, we purchased a Beach Villa, and in 1989 traded that unit for a Lakeside Townhome. In 2000, following Len's and my retirement, we moved up to Izatys for the summers. We spend our winters in Arizona. So our history of Izatys goes back a long time and we see the need to increase communications with our homeowners.

I served on the Izatys Homeowners Association Board of Directors as the first female director for the association from 1986-88. Our issues have changed since that time, but our goals for Izatys have always remained the same: to provide a first-class resort for our homeowners, their families, and guests.

So here goes! Thoughts, ideas, suggestions, critiques, etc. may be made through our email:

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Joyce Kloncz, Editor

WELCOME TO OUR NEW OWNERS

For those who have not been introduced to Dave Kramber and Don Risterer, the new Izatys owners,

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Upcoming Golf Events

August 10: Tombstone Open: 4-person scramble, includes golf, cart & dinner @\$80 per person

Couples Golf: Sundays starting @ 3:00 includes 18 holes of golf, dinner & comedy club tickets @\$49.

Call the clubhouse for details -
1-800-533-1728.

RICH OBERFELD IS BACK!

We're pleased to see that Rich Oberfeld has returned to Izatys after a year in Eau Claire. Rich has been named the new head golf pro and is doing a great job of promoting our golf courses.

Rich and his crew faced 13" of rain in June that hampered play somewhat. "Cart paths only" had been the mode for a few days.

The golf course's "Monday Madness" specials includes 36 holes of golf and lunch for \$59. Call in advance for reservations as these days sell out! You can book 2 weeks in advance.

Tues-Fri. golf specials: 36 holes for \$89 & lunch.

**JASON TOLLETTE,
NEW GENERAL MANAGER**

here's a little information about them.

Dave and Don purchased Izatys from Chip Glaser in October, 2002. Dave hails from the Twin Cities area and was the former owner of Southwest Lawn Maintenance Inc. and was a former owner of a Beach Villa here at Izatys for ten years.

Don, chairman of the board of WHYUSA Financial group, also owns a log home company that plans to build on Izatys lots.

Both owners intend to make Izatys a year-round resort, an idea welcomed by homeowners. Kramber was quoted in an October 30, 2002, *Mille Lacs Messenger* article, saying, "It's vital to our survival that we make this a year-round resort. It's 90 miles from the Twin Cities and it's an unbelievable property."

The sale of Izatys included the two golf courses, restaurant, lodge, and marina. The Stone House had previously been sold to Dick and Mavry Tollette, and ~ Glaser's home was sold to a private individual before the sale of Izatys.



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Did you know that Izatys has been operating over 80 years? Here's a post card that was found on the internet's E-Bay of the entrance to Izatys. Looking at the vintage cars, we think it was taken in the 1940s. We remember the front stone pillars were still there when we first came up to Izatys in the early 1970s. Our next newsletter will give a little history of Izatys. including back to the 1920s when Grace Burns started Camp Izatys to Jerry and Dorothy Dubb's era of the 1960s. Son Steve Dubbs has lots of vintage photos of Izatys

Jason Tollette, former golf pro, has been named general manager, which most of you know by now. You'll see Jason's friendly face welcoming guests and homeowners everywhere around Izatys. Newly married to Sherry last winter, Jason and Sherry have formed a great management team for Izatys.

And, of course, Jason's mom and dad, Dick and Marvy Tollette, as you may know, have renovated the Izatys Stone Lodge into a charming up-north cabin, keeping many of the design options which the 3-bedroom cabin originally had in the 1940s. Walk by and see the great job they've done, including beautiful landscaping and flower beds.

Hats OFF to the Landscaping Crew

Midwest Resorts has put together a great crew working on the homeowners' landscaping. Grass is cut often, trimming is done nicely, and overall the grounds are looking great. The sprinkler systems are all working, but thankfully have not had to be used much, due to excess rain.

Landscaping concerns may be directed to John (J.D.) Lundberg, Maintenance and Landscaping Manager, at Midwest Resorts (320-532-5121).

Many homeowners are now putting potted plants in front and back of their units which adds to the beauty of our places.

Pick A Name for the Newsletter

How about a little contest to provide a name for our homeowners association newsletter?

Send your suggestions via email (joycelennykloncz@yahoo.com),

that we'll be using in future newsletters.

MEETS ON THURSDAYS

For years, Izatys has set aside tee times for its Ladies League. This continues today! Any where from 4-12 ladies golf about 9:00AM on Thursdays on either Sanctuary or Black Brook.

When you're up here and want to play golf with us, call the pro shop for our tee times and join us!

It's a very informal league and we welcome all women homeowners and their guests as well.

Call Joyce at 320-532-7127 for more information, if needed.

to me by my brother. As we remember, a small addition was added to the back of the room, providing additional seating for guests.

What's New at Izatys?

Exciting things are happening at the "new" Izatys!

phone (320-532-7127), or by mail (Joyce Klonecz, 8524 Walden Way, Onamia, MN 56359).

The winning entry will be awarded a \$25 gift certificate toward dinner at Club XIX.

Links Lodge.

Security has done a great job of checking units for occupancy and pinpointing any problems. As a result, management has requested you do the following.

Homeowners who are not permanent residents or not in the rental program should contact Midwest Re-sorts at 532-5121 upon arrival and departure.

Those owners in the rental pool need to check-in with -Izatys Front Desk at 532-3101 before arriving and upon check-out. Security is then notified that you are here. If you have a need to contact security, their direct cell phone number is 866-420-6121.

Renters' Information & Tips

If you are one of the fifty-two homeowners in the rental pool, Izatys and the homeowners association has some suggestions to maximize rental for you.

It helps to personalize your unit by putting a few family photos around. Renters then will realize that these units are personally owned and may have a stronger interest in keeping it to your liking and in tip-top shape.

It also is imperative that you follow the

Scott Hansen's Izatys Comedy Gallery has had great crowds here at Izatys. Check the Izatys website at Izatys.com to see who's scheduled to perform when you're up at Izatys. Advance tickets are available at the registration desk.

a small convenience store has been added just to the left where you enter the registration area. Packed with all kinds of necessities, it even includes children's items, snacks, libations, and souvenirs.

The construction around the pool area is complete with an 800 square foot white sand beach and volleyball court added. The new hot tub next to the outdoor pool is complete. And the reopening of the snack bar at the pool area is an added convenience as well.

New playground equipment will be installed by the tennis courts shortly. And the new Kids Club is now located at the former driving range clubhouse.

- The marina co-op has successfully sold 75 slips to this date. Izatys also has slips available for nightly or weekly rates for homeowners.

We'll keep you updated on future changes at the "new" Izatys.

homeowners' association specifications for furnishings. If renters are missing items when they rent, it does not reflect well on the resort or you. That also means updating periodically items that tend to show heavy use, i.e. bed pillows, bedspreads, blankets, throw pillows, etc.

When you're up at Izatys, do a thorough inventory of your unit to make sure everything is there for your renters. Keeping your furnishings updated makes your unit look refreshed, rather than tired looking.