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Message from the President

Members,

This will be the last time that I write in this bulletin as President. My term ends with the General Membership Meeting that will be held on October 16th – more on that later. It has been an honor to serve the Club in this capacity and I would like to thank all of you who have given of your time on the Board or in any other capacity as a volunteer. It's been a long but fun six years on the Board, the last two as President. Volunteerism is one of the things that have kept this Club strong and it will continue to be necessary in the future to maintain a vibrant and healthy Club. I can't wait to sit back and enjoy what the returning and new Board members have in store for the next couple of years.

Having said all of that, I would like to urge you all to take advantage of the General Membership meeting that will be held on Sunday, October 16th beginning at 7:00pm. This is a very important meeting that will provide quite a bit of information on the future of the Club. At this meeting, you will:

Elect your new Board

Hear reports from the various committees of the Club.

Most importantly, get a "state of the Club" report that will highlight some financial challenges that the Club will be facing in the next two – three years.

Since I have been on the Board, we have needed to plead with members to attend this very important event and scramble to have enough participation to legally conduct business. PLEASE, PLEASE attend if at all possible. If you cannot attend, please complete the proxy form that Nikki Falgoust will be sending to you in the mail and return it to the Club office.

To encourage attendance, the Club will have a Saints party that day so that we can cheer our team on when they play at Tampa Bay beginning at 3:15pm. We will provide some food items and snacks; it will be a cash bar. We will set up the room for the meeting immediately after the game so that we can start promptly at 7:00pm. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Best Regards,

Larry

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Saints @ Jaguars	3	4	5	6	7	8 LSU vs Florida
9 Saints @ Carolina	10	11	12	13	14	15 LSU @ Tenn.
16 7pm General Member- ship Meeting	17	18	19	20	21	22 LSU vs. Auburn
23 Saints vs. Colts	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28 OFFICE CLOSED <hr/> Rental	29 LSU off

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The annual **General Membership Meeting** for the election of up to eight (8) Directors to the Board will be held on **Sunday, October 16th at 7pm**. The membership will also be voting on two (2) amendments to the By-Laws.

Nominees for 2011-2012 Board of Directors are:

David Belou
Billy Boutte
Brad Bradford
Jay Dufour
Brian Harlton
Elizabeth King
Kevin Landry
Darren Olivio

Amendments to the Club By-laws to be voted on at the General Membership meeting:

Proposed to amend II /A/1/a as follows:

a.) Shareholders: This includes the shareholder of record, his/her spouse from whom he/she is not judicially separated or divorced, and his/her unmarried children who are residing with either parent. A shareholder who has no spouse is permitted to have one guest accompany him/her at any time the shareholder uses the corporation's facilities or attends any function sponsored by the corporation, without having to pay a guest fee. At any meeting of the corporation, the shareholder of record is entitled to vote either in person or by proxy. In the absence of the shareholder of record, his/her spouse is entitled to vote, it being understood that only one vote may be cast for each share of stock.

To read:

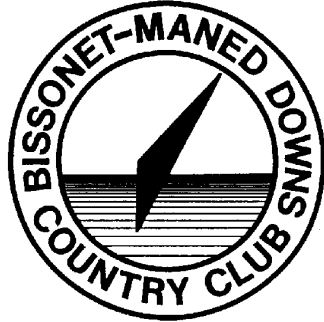
a.) Shareholders: This includes the shareholder of record; his/her spouse from whom he/she is not judicially separated or divorced, *or a 2nd adult domiciled in the same residence;* and his/her unmarried children who are residing with either parent, *and aged 25 or under.* A shareholder who has no spouse is permitted to have one guest accompany him/her at any time the shareholder uses the corporation's facilities or attends any function sponsored by the corporation, without having to pay a guest fee. At any meeting of the corporation, the shareholder of record is entitled to vote either in person or by proxy. In the absence of the shareholder of record, his/her spouse is entitled to vote, it being understood that only one vote may be cast for each share of stock.

Proposal to add as follows:

II/A/1/e

Extended Non-Shareholders: This is an additional person designated by the shareholder of record for any "plus one membership" that the board may establish. This may be an unmarried child 26 or older, a grandparent, or other person as approved by the Board. These members, although active, have no voting rights on any matter brought up for a vote at a meeting of the Corporation.

PROXY



The annual **General Membership Meeting** for the election of the Board of Directors will be held on **Sunday, October 16, 2011 at 7:00 PM**. We will be electing up to seven (7) Directors to the Board, and considering one (1) amendment to the By-Laws.

No regular member, or proxy of spousal member in lieu of the regular member shall be permitted to vote in the election of the Directors if the regular member is in arrears in the payment of dues, and/or assessments of fines. **No member may vote more than five (5) proxies.**

PROXY

I appoint _____ to be my proxy to vote in my place for any business that might be discussed.

Signed: _____

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If you would like your email address to be added to the Bissonet tennis group emails, please email me at:

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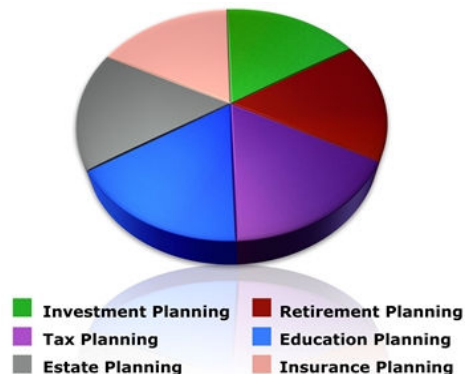
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Financial Corner **October 2011**

Financial Planning - Helping You See the Big Picture

Do you picture yourself owning a new home, starting a business, or retiring comfortably? These are a few of the financial goals that may be important to you, and each comes with a price tag attached. That's where financial planning comes in. Financial planning is a process that can help you reach your goals by evaluating your whole financial picture, then outlining strategies that are tailored to your individual needs and available resources.

Why is Financial Planning Important? A comprehensive financial plan serves as a framework for organizing the pieces of your financial picture. With a financial plan in place, you'll be better able to focus on your goals and understand what it will take to reach them.



One of the main benefits of having a financial plan is that it can help you balance competing financial priorities. A financial plan will clearly show you how your financial goals are related--for example, how saving for your children's college education might impact your ability to save for retirement. Then you can use the information you have learned to decide how to prioritize your goals, implement specific strategies, and choose suitable products or services. Best of all, you'll have the confidence that comes from knowing that your financial life is on track.

Financial Corner continued

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Financial Planning - Helping You See the Big Picture

The Financial Planning Process

Creating and implementing a comprehensive financial plan generally involves working with financial professionals to:

- Develop a clear picture of your current financial situation by reviewing your income, assets, and liabilities, and evaluating your insurance coverage, investment portfolio, tax exposure, and estate plan
- Establish and prioritize financial goals and time frames for achieving your goals
- Implement strategies that address your current financial weaknesses and build on your financial strengths
- Choose specific products and services that are tailored to meet your financial objectives
- Monitor your plan, making adjustments as your goals, time frames, or circumstances change

Staying on Track

The financial planning process does not end once your initial plan has been created. Your plan should generally be reviewed at least once a year to make sure that it is up-to-date. It is also possible that you will need to modify your plan due to changes in your personal circumstances or the economy. Here are some of the events that might trigger a review of your financial plan:

- Your goals or time horizons change
- You experience a life-changing event such as marriage, the birth of a child, health problems, or a job loss
- You have a specific or immediate financial planning need (e.g., drafting a will, managing a distribution from a retirement account, paying long-term care expenses)
- Your income or expenses substantially increase or decrease
- Your portfolio hasn't performed as expected
- You are affected by changes to the economy or tax laws

Can I Still Control My Own Finances?

Financial planning professionals make recommendations, not decisions. You retain control over your finances. Recommendations will be based on your needs, values, goals, and time frames. You decide which recommendations to follow, and then work with a financial professional to implement them.

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Cathy Zito's "Treasury Note"

No message from the Treasurer this month.

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Reminder:

**The Operating Rules and By-Laws of
Bissonet-Maned Downs Country Club
are posted in the Bulletin (Operating Rules) and Website
(By-Laws).**

**Club Hours and Events are posted on the Website and on
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**Please take the
time to thank your
Board Members
for volunteering
their time to make
your Club a great
one!**