

Christian Athletic Complex

“WHATEVER YOU DO, DO IT ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD!” - I CORINTHIANS 10:31

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My name is Graham Rayburn and I have been hired by the Board of Directors as the new Executive Director, taking over for Al Vander Hart who is retiring at the end of 2015. I'd like to thank Al for his dedication to the Rec Center and his support of the organization during this transition and throughout the years.

As you may or may not know, our Long Range Planning Committee recently completed and released the findings from a 15 month study of our facility. Along with these findings, we were challenged with a number of recommendations by the committee in order to move this wonderful facility forward for years to come.

The results of these findings and recommendations along with a series of member “listening sessions” has resulted in a change in strategy for our facility. We will put a greater emphasis on the West Michigan community, challenging ourselves to be community leaders and supporters. We will focus on creating a diversified suite of programs to bring more youth, families, women and seniors through our gates. Most importantly, we will continue to be a Christian organization with strong values and the clear goal of being a shining example of Christ in our community

A number of exciting changes will be taking place in the coming months. We have already changed the name of the facility and the golf course to the Christian Athletic Complex and Stormy Creek Golf Course respectively. Beginning in 2016, we will be open Sundays at 12pm for softball and golf. As part of our focus on programming, we will unveil a new 18 hole Footgolf course, new golf leagues and our **Outdoor Summer Movie Series** which will show family-friendly films throughout the summer.

A new website, logos and signage are all in various stages of completion and we will announce those changes as they occur. We are also working on several other projects that we believe will make a positive difference at the CAC. Stay tuned as we announce them in the coming months!

Finally, I would like to say that I am excited to be taking the reins of this venerable and historic facility. For years it has served the community and provided a fun, safe and Christian environment for the youth and families of Grand Rapids. We hope to not just continue that tradition but expand and mold it. With a motivated staff and a dedicated Board of Directors, we are excited to see where God will lead us in the coming months and years.

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” ~ Matthew 5:16



2015 Highlights

While it is exciting to build new partnerships and face new opportunities, we very much appreciate the established partnerships that we have with groups such as The First Tee of West Michigan and Special Olympics. Several leagues have made Fellowship Greens their home course for many years. Wedgwood Christian Services holds their annual employee golf party on our course every year. The Holland Home organizes an annual golf outing for their residents. This year we had 40 golfers come out for that special event. Calvin College uses our greens for their PE and Academy for Lifelong Learning classes. The Grand Rapids Christian High School JV Girls and Boys Golf teams use the greens as their home course.



In the softball arena, we are thankful for the over 120 teams that played on our diamonds this summer. A league of 75-year-olds and older played softball throughout the summer. A Baptist church league held its annual two-day memorial tournament with sixteen teams participating. These are just a few of the partnerships and friends that we look forward to serving again in 2016.

This year Graham Rayburn taught beginner golf lessons to a small group of women. Over 40 people participated in the parent/child golf tournament. And for the first time ever a group of young adults are playing Ultimate Frisbee on one of our diamonds. God is blessing us with faithful customers and new opportunities.

In Recognition of Allan Vander Hart

On October 19, Al Vander Hart stepped down as Executive Director of the Christian Recreation Center after serving in that role for three years. But Al's relationship with the Rec Center began many years before his work as Director. He played softball and golf at the Rec Center since his days at Calvin College along with his three young sons. He also served on the board for six years. When the position of Director came open several years ago, he knew that he could contribute his gifts in business to help move the Rec Center forward. We appreciate Al's eye for detail, quality, and persistence.

This past year Al has experienced a number of significant losses from the death of his brother, father, mother, to the recent loss of his son, Michael. The Christian Athletic Complex expresses its sympathy and prayers to Al, his wife Ginny and their family and will continue to pray for them as they transition through the new challenges ahead of them. Al hopes to spend more time with his son and grandchildren in the days ahead.



Volunteer Opportunities

Would you like to volunteer your time and talents at the Rec Center? Here are a few ways that you could get involved:

- **Mowing and golf course maintenance**
- **Landscaping and flowerbed maintenance**
- **Building and repair maintenance**



Donation Opportunities

The Christian Athletic Complex is excited about some upcoming projects for the 2016 season and is soliciting donations to help expedite the process. If you would like to donate to any of the following projects, we would gratefully accept your generosity.

2016 Summer Movie Series \$3,500.00

We will be showing a series of five (5) family-friendly films over the course of the summer. The donation would cover the cost of equipment in order to make this a staple of our programming in the years to come. These films will be open to the public and free of charge (a donation of \$3.00 per person will be suggested at the gate to help cover movie licensing costs). Concessions will be available and we expect to have excellent turn-outs!

Concession Stand Upgrades \$25,000.00

Upgrades include shelving and signage, some infrastructure updates including electrical, technology and wiring, a self-contained frying unit to add more menu items, digital signage and monitors to better promote upcoming events as well as improve visibility of league standings and schedules. These upgrades will make the concession stand more inviting and customer friendly and enhance communication with our membership.

New Signage \$12,000.00

As we begin a new chapter in the history of the Christian Athletic Complex (previously known as the Christian Reformed Recreation Center) marketing and community awareness will be a focus of our management. Part of that process is to create new and inviting entrance signs as well as customer and member-friendly signage throughout the property. These signs will attract new visitors to our complex and promote brand awareness.

If you donated in 2015 and didn't get a receipt, please call us with the information and we will send you one.

Please **PRINT** the needed information **legibly** and **completely** (including apartment numbers, if applicable).

Member Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Mailing Address _____

Member Name _____ Youth? _____

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Contact me! I would like to volunteer and this is how: _____

Pay your membership online at our website or fill out this form, and return it to the office with your payment. Memberships must be post-marked before February 1, 2016 to get the early bird discount. Questions? Call us @ 616-942-1330

If applicable, please check below:

____ I/We GRANT permission for a photo taken of myself/my immediate family to be published on the CAC Internet sites and Newsletters.

Signature _____ Date _____

Membership	Number	Cost Per	Amount
Early Bird (Before 2/1/15)		\$25.00	
Regular Rate (2/1/15 or later)		\$35.00	
Youth Rate (14-17 w/ paid adult)		\$ 0.00	
Additional Parking Passes		\$10.00	
Donation towards the general budget			
Donation towards this special project:			
Total Enclosed Thank you!			

What your Membership will do for you in 2016

Joining the membership of the Christian Athletic Complex (CAC) supports our efforts to provide a safe, family-friendly and Christian atmosphere for the entire family. In 2016, the CAC is adding value to your patronage. Included with your membership are **2 free rounds of golf** and **3 golf guest passes** to bring a friend! **Children of members 8 and under play golf for free** when they bring an adult. Mini golf is now free for all members and their families. **Member Mondays** on the golf course will begin in 2016 with great deals for all those who show their card on a Monday.

If you are a softball player, you need to have a paid membership before you can take the field for the first game.

Each member receives a membership card. Softball players who are younger than 18 years of age as of May 1, 2015 will receive their membership free if they have a

parent or legal guardian who has a paid membership.

Have you never golfed or are you afraid to try? Don't let that stop you. We will be offering group lessons and will be starting a beginner golf league. As a member you will get a discount off of these opportunities as well.

Send your membership form and fees in by **February 1, 2016 for the Early Bird Discount.**



Just a note to our mailing recipients: we anticipate this being the last year that we send our newsletter via US post. However, we will continue to send mailings to those who do not have access to e-mail. If you include your e-mail address on the membership form, you will receive future communications digitally.



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2015 Softball League Results

Regular Season Champions:

Monday:

MFP – Independent & Friendship (tie)
MSP Div. 1 – Westview
MSP Div 2 – Calvin
WSP – Church of the Servant & Cascade (tie)

Tuesday:

55+ – GR Uccello's
MSP Div 1 – Madison Square C & A (tie)
MSP Div 2 – Encounter



Fall Ball Champions:

Div 1 – Cardiac Cats
Div 2 – Uccello's

Wednesday:

40+ – Oakbrook
MFP – Lakeside & East Leonard (tie)
MSP Div 1 – Superior Foods
MSP Div 2 – First Cutlerville
MSP Div 3 – Fourth Reformed

Thursday:

Coed – Sluggers
MSP Div 1 – Alger Park A & Caledonia CRC (tie)
MSP Div 2 – Calvary Green
WSP – Friendship & First Byron (tie)

Friday:

Coed – Messiah Lutheran



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*Winter Office hours: 8:30 am
to 3:00 pm. Monday thru Friday*

The Christian Athletic Complex offers you a unique sports facility with a Christian, family atmosphere.