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Dear Ian,

What a daunting and time consuming task the team has taken on and I commend you and the team. It is a thankless job.

Below are my thoughts:

I support the logic and principles that Doug Deruchie expounded in his e mail and will not repeat them here.

I too have been a member for 58 years and my family for 84 of the 104 years. Although I am a member at RMGC as well, (for logistical reasons since I live 10 minutes away from it and the unfortunate traffic congestion growth on the south shore over the past 20 years) I have maintained my membership at Bruno because I like the spirit, culture and the memories I carry since I joined as a Junior member in 1964.

I have witnessed the slow and well thought out changes the club has made over the years. I just wish the ditch cutting across the ninth hole would have been covered earlier so I would not have backed my parents golf cart into that ditch.... clubs and all....OMG did I admit to that.

I may be talking to those that already know but I believe the reason the course was modified (holes 16,17,18) from the original design was to avoid ending the course with the three most difficult holes on the back nine. I believe that was the right decision back then (even if the walk to 12 would be farther) and still believe it today. To now reverse that decision so we can go back to the original design does not make sense. The course is for the satisfaction of members not the spirit of the Architect.

Redoing the complete golf course will change the character of the course for ever without the opportunity to reverse the decision. The current character of the course is one of the things that makes Bruno, Bruno. So slow is better than shock treatment in my view. In 7 years we will only have fond memories of what it was like to play on the old Bruno or we will love the new Bruno or simply become another golf course. When water was introduced on the fairways in 1972 it was the right decision even if I loved to see my ball roll on and on in the dry grass of mid summer.

An example of a radical change was the decision at RMGC to completely redo the 19<sup>th</sup> hole. That was not a must do, just a nice thing to do. But the arguments among members has been polarizing. I bring RMGC members to Bruno and all they comment on is the quaintness and tranquility of the dining area and how terrible the RMGC renovations of the 19<sup>th</sup> hole were.

The greens are what gives Bruno some of its character. Guests are confused by them but in a fun way. I love the greens as they are but understand that we might have some issues that need to be addressed but let us do it slowly. Let us do one or two greens and wait the required three years to see if the members are ready to do a couple more or smaller modifications. Believe it or not I prefer the Greens at Bruno vs RMGC but RMGC greens are different as every golf course is different. But I have to say Bruno is unique.

As for the bunkers from what I have heard that is a need to do. Having lived the complete shut down of the Blue course this summer at RMGC I would suggest a slow approach of doing them at a speed that can get so many done in the fall and ready for the spring may be the right approach.

As for the practice range I will break that into two parts: the driving range and the chipping and sand area.

I have to say that the driving range is far superior to the one at RMGC so do not understand the urgency there.

As for the chipping and sand area I think it is fine, maybe RMGC is better but I will follow the wishes of the long range planning committee.

I do not want to address the POA/Bent Grass issue because I am not knowledgeable but will say that changing Bruno forever to get rid of POA is not the answer.

I agree to have this e mail published.

Donald