Dear AGC Members,

As I departed Alexandria last Wednesday and began an 18-hour drive to Utah, it gave me plenty of time to reflect on a wonderful summer of work and progress at Alexandria Golf Club. I don't believe I can adequately express my gratitude for all the help and support provided by so many to help us complete construction of The Little Darling Par 3 Course at AGC! In an upcoming communication, I will attempt to highlight the numerous people who have assisted in the construction of Little Darling – their professional support was instrumental in building what is destined to become one of the premier par 3 courses anywhere in the United States.

For this communication, I would like to focus my gratitude on all who have contributed financially to become Little Darling Founding Members. Those contributions funded Phase 1 of The Little Darling Project - construction of the golf course.

To date, we have approximately 200 Founding Members who have pledged or contributed $1.55 million. Fortunately, with a focus on doing much of the work without using outside contractors, our construction costs to date are approximately the same amount as we have raised. And equally important is the fact that construction costs are about 1/3 of the cost it would normally take to build a course of this nature. Each of the Founding Members receive significant benefits they will enjoy for many years to come – the program has clearly been a win-win for everyone involved. It has been heart-warming to see so many of our AGC members and members of the community catch the vision of what this project will mean to AGC and the community for generations to come. I'm so thankful for all who have helped and want to highlight a few key facts:

- We have had 3 members make contributions of $100,000 – they will be recognized with a personalized plaque on one of the Little Darling holes in honor of their significant contribution.

- We have had one non-resident of MN, who plays in the Resorters, contribute $100,000 after touring the project early and recognizing the impact it will have on youth development going forward. They will also be recognized with a plaque on one of the Little Darling holes in honor of their significant contribution.
- We have had 5 members contribute from $15,000 to $50,000 each and will be recognized on our "Wall of Fame" which will be located on the Little Darling Lookout.
- Our additional 190+ founding members will be recognized on the Little Darling Walkway which will connect from our Learning Center and lead to our world-class practice facility.

The Founding Member Program will continue to be offered through October 31, 2024. If you would like to become a Founding Member and enjoy the terrific membership benefits associated with the program, please contact myself, David Kjos, or Bruce Leland prior to the end of the month. Next spring's asphalting of the cart paths and a few additional miscellaneous activities will require some $100,000 of funding so we could use some additional Founding Members or additional contributions from anyone able to do so. I am sure you will forever appreciate being part of the Little Darling legacy at AGC.

For your review when you have a few minutes of time, I am including with this communication 2 additional items:

1. An updated description of The Little Darling Course. These hole-by-hole summaries will be included in our Little Darling website which is now in development.
2. A 4 ½ minute drone video of the Little Darling Course which was filmed by Twin Cities Golf late last week. As you watch the video, please make note of a couple things. A) Last week, we completed the installation of some 31,000 square feet of bluegrass sod on the teeing grounds. B). We also sprayed almost 15,000 gallons (7 ½ tons) of Hydro mulch on areas of the course that needed a little boost in grass growth. Much of the brown areas you see in the video are the mulch and erosion blankets to assist in grass growth . This is to help in our effort to have a grand opening of Little Darling in June or July of next year.

We've had a terrific year at AGC. We're fortunate to live in a special community and be members at an outstanding golf club. Thanks for all you do!

All the best,

Jerry Rose
Little Darling Project Chair