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'Glad to be here'

By **BRAD BAUMAN**
General Manager / CEO

HELLO member-owners. This is my first correspondence with you through the *Ripples* monthly magazine. Some of you attended the annual meeting in

March, and I expressed the honor of serving you as your general manager. My first 120 days have been busy, but I can assure you, I'm "Glad to be Here." I will explain this more later.

The first order of business to address has been the turnover of employees and personnel reassignments. As an industry, the electric sector is in a major turnover because of retirements. Our industry is one that once one gets involved, employees usually stay and retire from it. Sun River Electric Cooperative is no different, and is in the middle of one of those turnover periods. By the end of 2021, we will have 10 new faces doing different job descriptions compared to the first of the year. We only have 22 employees, so you can see that we are in a transition period.

I am confident that the service you have come to expect will not



deteriorate, and our employees will pick up their new assignments in a strong way. Change has a way of injecting new life and thoughts into an organization, and we are encouraged by our new hires' aptitude and enthusiasm.


Going forward, I will use this forum to share topics of interest to the cooperative such as the renewable energy discussions, electric vehicle penetration, baseload generation reliability, upcoming cooperative events, wholesale power issues and other industry issues that may influence the cooperative.

I will be careful to differentiate between industry, cooperative and personal positions. If I share a position as to why the cooperative is moving in a certain direction on an issue, I will be clear in the reasoning and the needs to do so. If I offer an opinion, I will state that so you understand that it is an opinion and not an industry-wide agreed-upon position. We in Montana do not always do or believe the same as other parts of the country. I know that shocks you! 271150

Back to my comment in the opening

paragraph. I attended a Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) Summer Summit, and the speaker lineup was exceptional. One speaker that stood out and left some implanted thoughts was John Foley, a past lead solo pilot with the Blue Angels Navy Flight Team.

His message was about the communication, trust and commitment that the team has in each other. This relationship is one that organizations can develop and share if the common goals and mission are understood. After every demonstration and practice session, the entire team: mechanics, air traffic controllers, engineers and pilots, all were a part of the debriefing, and no one had superiority in the debriefing. All were encouraged to contribute with no judgement for their input if it was different from the others. After everyone would offer their comment, they would end it with "Glad to be Here" as a sign of their commitment to the mission.

My history with Sun River Electric Cooperative and the mission that we are tasked with of providing reliable and affordable electricity to our members is not lost on me, and I can honestly say, "Glad to be Here." 

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23RD ANNUAL SREC GOLF TOURNAMENT

80 golfers play, \$3,500 raised

HARVEST Hills Golf Course in Fairfield played host to the 2021 Sun River Electric Cooperative Golf Tournament on July 31, and raised \$3,500. This year's recipient is the Fairfield Community Hall for new tables and chairs. Sun River Electric would like to thank all of the hole sponsors.

In all, 80 golfers showed up to play the four-person scramble. Golfers were treated to hotdogs and brats, hole prizes, door prizes and drawings.

The tournament champions, shooting 57, were Tanner Lagge, Nate Basich, Andy Daly and Chris Christensen. Other flight champions were: Gerry Bink, Kathy Buell, JR Martinson and Ken Campbell in the mixed division; and Arron Barnett, Trig Zwerneman, Brian Jacobson and Adam Eater in the First Flight.



23rd Annual SREC Gold Tournament winning team was: (from left) Nate Basich, Andy Daly, Chris Christensen and Tanner Lagge.

This year's tournament even had a hole in one! Ladd Gordon from Missoula aced hole 8, the 122-yard par 3. Congratulations Ladd!

The 2022 tournament will be July 30. RM

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