



# TEE to GREEN NEWS

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December 2010

### Welcome New Members

Norm Hedgepeth 479-1238

### So Long Old Members

Colene Martin

### December Events

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|---|---------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Ballots returned deadline | 5pm        |
| 2 | Annual Meeting            | 6pm        |
| 4 | Pro Shop Open House       | see page 2 |
|   | Member Xmas Party         | see page 2 |

### Greetings from Your President

It's December already . . . the end of the year, and the end of my term as a Board member. These three years have gone by quickly. Being the President the last two years and Finance Director my first year, as I look back, I would like to acknowledge several things that the Board has worked to accomplish.

During the past several years, the US economy, along with housing and labor markets, have been hit pretty hard. The combination has forced many of us to tighten our belts and make some tough decisions regarding our debt and day-to-day spending. Over these years, the



Marv Ransom  
President

Board of Directors at GPGC has taken a conservative posture about club spending, while using an aggressive approach to paying down debt and still trying to strengthen our cash reserve.

I believe this fiscally responsible approach has benefited our club and its members. As I reported in last month's newsletter, GPGC showed a profit for last year (as well as the previous two years), and we have been able to increase our cash holdings enough to pay off our second mortgage of nearly \$240,000, sixteen years early.

Two years ago the board realized a need to change the way our club was being run, from three unilateral managers being overseen by a part-time volunteer Board, to a professional manager who is here to oversee the daily operations and provide continuity between the board, the club's members, and its employees. After nearly a year of planning and searching for the right person, we hired Matt Reams as our Director of Golf Operations. Matt took the reins in January, and in my opinion, has done an excellent job. He runs the daily operations of the club, oversees all departments, and communicates well with the board.

We've seen many positive programs already implemented by Matt. From small changes like creating a bag drop at tournaments to substantial changes like working together with the Board to create an equalized dues structure where all members pay their fair share, Matt has worked hard to earn our respect and appreciation. I know we'll continue to see excellent ideas and programs from Matt in future.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the Board Members that I have had the privilege of serving our club with over the past three years. My thanks also go out to John Delaney, Judy Ano, and Jeff Ott, whose help and support over the past three years has been invaluable. And to our members, who have trusted me to serve our club, thank you for allowing me to work toward our goal of making GPGC a truly outstanding place to experience golf, meet new people, and share our lives with our friends.

A special thank you to my wife Heather, my partner, my inspiration.

*Best wishes for the 2011 Board,  
Marv Ransom*

### From our Staff

*On behalf of the more than 20 employees who make up golf course maintenance, golf operations, club business office and more, we thank the members of Grants Pass Golf Club for a wonderful year in 2010 and pass along our most sincere holiday wishes to all our members.*



Matt Reams  
Director of Golf

## Holiday Open House – December 4<sup>th</sup>

**Golf Pro Shop Christmas Shopping SALE – 8:00 am to 5:00pm**

**Santa’s Holiday Raffle – 8:00 am to 6:00 pm**

**Member Holiday Social – 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm**

**Member Holiday Dinner – 6:00 pm**



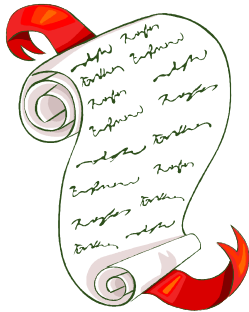
### Golf Shop Christmas SALE

Join us on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> for our annual Holiday Open House and Christmas SALE. The pro shop will have a great inventory of selections for your holiday shopping with specials and discounts galore. Equipment, shoes, apparels and much more will cover the pro shop in holiday cheer while games for discounts will remind you, that your holiday shopping was a great deal. **Pro Shop Opens at 8:00 am with Holiday Deals ALL DAY LONG!**



### Santa’s Holiday Raffle

With well over \$1,000.00 of raffle items sure to be given away, you’ll want to add your name to Santa’s list. Great equipment, apparel, shoes, accessories and more will make up the raffle prizes provided. Purchase raffle tickets all day long and collect your prizes at the festive dinner later in the day. Raffle ticket prices will be as follows:



1 Ticket .....	\$ 2.00 each
6 Tickets .....	\$10.00
15 Tickets .....	\$20.00
40 Tickets .....	\$50.00

### Member’s Holiday Social and Dinner

Join in the Holiday Cheer with our Member Social and Dinner also on Saturday, December 4th by the following schedule:

Complimentary Member Social Drinks & Hors d’oeuvres.....	1:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Member Holiday Dinner.....	6:00 pm
Holiday Entertainment.....	6:30 pm
Pro Shop Raffle & Prizes.....	7:00 pm

(Raffle winners must be present to WIN)



### Member Input Please

We have a number of winter projects to keep us busy this winter for the opportunity to present a better, more improved season in 2011. Among our many projects are two that we would appreciate your input on.

#### GPGC Club Logo

The current logo for Grants Pass Golf Club needs a fresh lift. We are looking for an iconic look that compliments our brand and ideally goes to cleverly identify our club. If you have thoughts and/or ideas on this subject we would encourage you to make your comments known to the golf pro shop.



#### Reciprocal Club List

The opportunity to co-ordinate with other clubs for reciprocity is an added benefit that many members enjoy. During this winter off-season we will be working to enlist current and new clubs that you would like to see added to our reciprocal list. If there is a comparable out of area club that you would like to see on our reciprocal play list, please contact the pro shop with your suggestion(s).

## from your Superintendent

One of the many benefits of living in our area is the four seasons of weather we enjoy. Our fall season this year was again quite spectacular with so many beautiful and vibrant colors throughout the golf course. Now with the holidays upon us comes the possibility of those little white flakes and the occasional cold temperatures that seem to slow down use of the course and allow us extra time for our bigger projects.

Already completed from our winter project list is the newly installed drainage (300+ ft) along the left of hole #5 and the relocation of the port-a-potties to hole #3. Additional projects for the months ahead include; removing four of the old 150 marker blue spruce trees which have grown too large for their placement, installing a tastefully designed and functional privacy fence around the relocated port-a-potties and removing a few of the dead standing trees that have been identified as potential safety concerns throughout the course.

With 2010 drawing near to a close it is important to recognize the team of hardworking individual who prepare the course for your enjoyment each day. Despite the many years of collective service represented by our team, it is not the tenure they hold that gets the job done. In a year where many compliments have come from members for the improved conditions you enjoy, it's the hard work of our team day in and day out that makes the biggest difference. Many thanks to Michael McAuley, Larry Ammar, Mike Lewis, Brian Amble, Jake Amble, John Carton, Joe Childers, Cory Coghill, Larry Grimm and Luke Mastney.

As always, if you have questions, comments or suggestions for the conditioning of our course, please feel free to contact me at anytime.

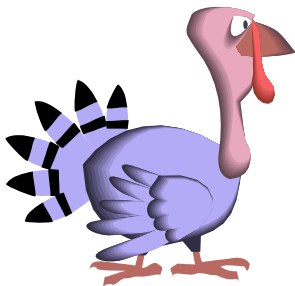


John Delaney  
Course Superintendent

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*Golf Course Superintendent*

### **18-HOLE LADIES 'LADY MUDDERS'**

For the winter months only....On Wednesdays, you can make your own tee-times and your own 4-somes as usual....OR just show up around 9:30 and we'll make our own groups and play around 10 a.m.. If the weather is lousy, we'll just visit and drink coffee. We tried it last year and had so much fun...we learned to knit a little, played some games, or ???  
If you have questions or anything you would like included in the newsletter, please call: CAROLE DAVIS at 472-1001.



## **RESULTS**

### **Turkey Triathlon Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup>**

With questionable weather forecasted in advance of Sunday's event, this year's field of players was limited to 60 "true golf enthusiasts" looking for top Turkey Honors. Enduring intermittent showers and cooler temperatures while playing some terrific golf, the following teams took top honors in their respected divisions.

#### **Mixed Division**

<b>Gross – 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Bob & LaVone Kirkwood and Dave & Markeith Wittkopf	125
<b>Net – 1<sup>st</sup></b>	John & Shirley Salcido and Dave Prulhiere & Bev O'Donnell	102.32
<b>Net – 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Dale & Patty Brain – Steve & Elizabeth Bonner	105.05

#### **Men's Division**

<b>Gross – 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Gene Napier, Dan McLaughlin, George Roeske & Rich Booth	118
<b>Net – 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Marv Ransom – Rob Pratt – J.J. DeForest – Chris Rossetta	102.4

#### **KP Turkeys**

#1	Vicki Moffatt	#7	Dale Brain	#13.	Pam Pace
#2	Cyndi Spencer	#8	Chris Rossetta	#14	Gordon Williams
#3	Gary Fahl	#9	Bill Rossknecht	#15	Dave Koch
#4	Gene Napier	#10	George Roeske	#16	Matt Hill
#5	Sherry Williams	#11	Joe Rossknecht	#17	Dale Brain
#6	Pam Pace	#12	Bev O'Donnell	#18	Rich Booth

## ***Great Shots for October and November***

Harry Gattey eagled #7 with a hybrid from 145 yards on October 19th

Manuel Delgado had a Hole-in-One on #2 from 124 yards with a 9 iron on November 1st

### **Please Vote**

You have received 4 ballots to vote for 3 Bylaws changes and one new Board Member. The ballots are due by Monday, December 1st at 5pm. Please be sure to use your ballot envelop.

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Tom Jarvis, Vice President  
Mike Buschke, Secretary  
Jon Robinson, Treasurer

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Rob Androy, Mike Buschke, Denny Curle,  
Tom Jarvis, DF Myrick, Marv Ransom  
and Jon Robinson

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Matt Reams, Director of Golf  
John Delaney, Greens Superintendent  
Judy Ano, Business Manager

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