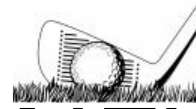


# Grants Pass Golf Club



# TEE to GREEN NEWS

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March 2011

## Welcome New Members

John Bernhart 541-660-5469  
Mike McCartney & Nina Drake 707-217-4017

## March Events

2 Ladies Opening Day  
4 GPGC Seniors 9:00am  
8 Wine Makers Event 6:00pm  
10 Board Meeting 5:30pm  
12 St. Patrick's Day Tournament 10:00am  
26 Member Guest Day all day

## Greetings from Your President

Well it looks like spring is just around the corner. I see the parking lot is filling up and so is the tee sheet. As we move into the golf season, and more members come out to enjoy a round of golf, I want to share with everyone the greatest quote I have ever seen on a scorecard. "Your position on the golf course is directly behind the group in front of you, not directly in front of the group behind you." I only bring this up because we consistently have complaints about slow play. Our golf course rules and regulations state "18 holes of golf should be played in 4 hours and 20 minutes. The rules also states foursomes shall have preference over singles, twosomes, threesomes and fivesomes."



Tom Jarvis  
President

Just a friendly reminder, fivesomes are not allowed as of March 1. Moving on from that sore subject, let's talk finances. The Finance Committee is looking for a lower interest rate on our current loan. Their goal is to eliminate a balloon payment that is due in fifteen years. A lower interest rate should lower our payment and as a result increase our cash flow. The finance committee will be developing a capitol budget that would allocate a percentage of the total income each year to be used on capital expenditures or specific projects. For example if the club generates 1.5 million dollars in revenue we would set a side four percent (4 %) or \$60,000 for capital expenses. This percentage could be adjusted up or down depending on revenue. This concept coincides with the list of projects and programs that our committees would like to see completed within the next five years. Each committee is currently working on their list and should have it done in the next few months. Our goal is to establish a long-range plan of capital projects and a way to fund them. The project list and funds can be used to provide some direction and guidance for the Director of Golf and future boards when creating our budgets. If you want to learn more about what your finance committee is working on, contact the club office for committee minutes.

Respectfully submitted, *Tom Jarvis, President*

## Pass on your thoughts to any of your respective Committees

The operations of Grants Pass Golf Club depend greatly on the feedback and direction provided through all six of the major organizational committees. If you have thoughts, comments or general suggestions regarding any of the operations of Grants Pass Golf Club, please take a moment to introduce yourself to the appropriate committee member.

Tournament Committee..... Sherry Williams, Chairman  
Membership Committee..... Cindy Nelson, Chairman  
Greens Committee..... Gary Fahl, Chairman  
Cart Committee..... Pug Hoover, Chairman  
Pro & House Committee..... John Dunkin, Chairman  
Finance Committee ..... Marv Ransom, Chairman

\* **Together we make Grants Pass Golf Club a better experience!** \*

## Wine Makers Event

Grants Pass Golf Club in collaboration with Waterbrook Wines and "The Vine" restaurant will present five delicious samplings of food paired with a selection of five exceptional Waterbrook wines on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 9:00 pm in the main dining room. Guest presenter Matt Oakley of Waterbrook Winery will collaborate with Glen Hendriks of "The Vine" restaurant to introduce each course pairing and provide insight into both food and wines served during the evening.

Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 - 9:00 pm  
\$38.00 per person



Tickets to this delicious evening event are being sold in advance through the golf shop. **There is limited seating** so contact the golf shop today to purchase your tickets and reserve your group seating. Purchases can be made by cash, check, credit card or member account charge.



Matt Reams

## Golf Operations

### Hours of Operations

#### Daylight Savings Time ends on March 13th

Set your clocks ahead 1-hour and our hours of operation change too!

**Pro Shop** 7:00 am to 6:00 pm

**Tee Times** 7:30 am to Dusk (weather permitting)



## President's Day Scramble Results

On February 19th we kicked-off our 2011 Tournament season with a hearty group of fair weather players who saw morning snow flakes right up until starting time. Not to be deterred, our field of 50+ players enjoyed great golf, new friends and even great weather by days end. Congratulations to all our winning teams and sharp shooting players who captured the top honors listed below:



1<sup>st</sup> Place Team: Jack Downs-Sandy Harris-  
Jeremy Alger-Rob Holland: 62



2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team: Gordon Williams-Jim Harris-  
Patti Brain-Norm Hedgepeth: 63

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team: Dave Wittkopf-John Beairsto-James Wright-Pam Pace: 63

4<sup>th</sup> Place Team: Steve Taormino-Ken Zimmer-Jane Kelly-Michael Blair: 65

Hole #2 KP's: Patti Brain-10'6" & Chris Rossetta-3'6"

Hole #13 KP's: Billie Haydon-5'8" & Dale Brain-5'6"

## Complimentary Guest Day – Saturday, March 26th

Members are encouraged to bring up to 3 guests who they believe are potential members at Grants Pass Golf Club for a great day of golf and to show off your club!

Invite up to 3 guests who you believe are potential members at GPGC.

Make time on this day to tour your guests around Grants Pass Golf Club and show them the wonderful benefits of membership at Grants Pass Golf Club.

Enjoy complimentary grilled lunch provide by the Players Pub served from 11:00 am to 5:00pm.

Close the sale of a new membership to one of your guests and receive one of the following member referral incentives:

One month free dues, or

\$250 credit for merchandise purchases in the golf shop, or

10 free guest passes

**\*IMPORTANT:** In recognition of the co-ordinations involved with planning and confirming your guest(s) visit, tee time reservations for this day only will be taken 7 DAYS IN ADVANCE. Members may call in to reserve starting times for Saturday, March 26th, beginning on Saturday, March 19th.

## Upcoming Events



The **6<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day Tournament** is just around the corner (Saturday, March 12th – 10:00 am Shotgun Start) – Are YOU Signed Up? Our event will be presented with **2-person teams** competing in one of two separate flights (Men's and Mixed) play 9-holes of best ball and 9-holes of scramble. Members may choose their partner or sign-up as a single with the golf shop making their best efforts to pair you up. Got a favorite foursome? Let the pro shop know and we can pair your teams to play together. Your \$35 entry fee includes tournament prize funds and a delicious Irish themed lunch buffet. Call the golf shop to sign-up no later than Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon today and celebrate St. Patty's Day at GPGC!

**from your Superintendent**

Coming out of February and the wide range of weather extremes we experienced it's hard to say what our spring weather will be this year. A two week stretch of warm temperatures made it possible (if not necessary) to mow fairways, roughs and approaches regularly while our mid-month stretch of extreme rainfall and even snow accumulation seem to remind us of old man winter in the pacific northwest.

Winter projects are progressing nicely highlighted with our renovated tee boxes for women on hole 18 and men on hole 6 are due to open any day with larger tee areas, level teeing ground and better drainage for everyone. Our men's tee project on hole 10 is on pace to open for play by April 1<sup>st</sup> with a slightly larger tee surface. Now elevated above the water level to the adjacent pond, players will notice a much cleaner, dryer surface to play from all year around.



John Delaney  
Course Superintendent

With our winter purchase/delivery of bunker sand we jump straight into our off-season bunker maintenance program in preparation for the peak season ahead. This means replenishing sand levels where needed as well as more detailed depth and face work specifically on holes 2, 4, 12, 13, 15, and 18. Still ahead throughout the month of March, will be various tree cleanups. Clearing and removing dead trees, lower branch thinning and pruning and a stump removal on the right side of 15 fairway all for better play conditions without impacting the design or challenge of our course.

As always if you have any questions or concerns about your golf course let me know, I would be happy to hear from you.

**John Delaney**  
**Golf Course Superintendent**

**Tee Time Reservations change to 8 Days in advance**

Beginning March 30<sup>th</sup>, Grants Pass Golf Club will provide tee times reservations by the following new & improved schedule:

- GPGC Board Members..... 9 days in advance
- GPGC Members..... 8 days in advance
- Reciprocal and Public Play ..... 7 days in advance

Our transition to this schedule will begin on March 24<sup>th</sup> and last for 8 straight days where members will make tee times for both 2 days in advance and the 8<sup>th</sup> day in advance. The specific schedule below is provided for your convenience:

- March 24<sup>th</sup> Reserve tee times for - March 26<sup>th</sup> & April 1<sup>st</sup>
- March 25<sup>th</sup> Reserve tee times for - March 27<sup>th</sup> & April 2<sup>nd</sup>
- March 26<sup>th</sup> Reserve tee times for - March 28<sup>th</sup> & April 3<sup>rd</sup>
- March 27<sup>th</sup> Reserve tee times for - March 29<sup>th</sup> & April 4<sup>th</sup>
- March 28<sup>th</sup> Reserve tee times for - March 30<sup>th</sup> & April 5<sup>th</sup>
- March 29<sup>th</sup> Reserve tee times for - March 31<sup>st</sup> & April 6<sup>th</sup>
- March 30<sup>th</sup> Reserve tee times for - April 7<sup>th</sup>
- March 31<sup>st</sup> Reserve tee times for - April 8<sup>th</sup>

**Grants Pass Senior Men** start the 2011 season with their 4-player scramble event on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. This 9:00 am shotgun start is one of eight events on the Senior Men's season calendar that promises to be full of great golf, prizes and friendships for all. If you're not yet a member of the Grants Pass Senior Men's Golf Group but would like to play organized golf with the best group of senior men (age 50+) anywhere, stop by the golf pro shop for more information.

**Spring Tour Rogue Pro-Am – Do you want to Play?**

The annual Rogue Pro-Am at Grants Pass Golf Club has a long history of success over the years with large tournament fields from all over the state and northwest region. This year's event (April 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>) will again pair 1 PGA professional with 4 amateur players over two days to compete in a variety of team and individual formats. In presenting this event it is our priority goal to make sure we have enough PGA professionals to pair up with member teams wanting to play. Team entry forms are now available and the co-ordinations involved in confirming a PGA professional for each team is better done now rather than waiting. Entry forms are available in the pro shop or can be faxed and emailed for your convenience. Help us restore this event to a grand tournament field event by completing your team entry today!

## **Ladies Day – Special Note**

Wednesdays are always Ladies Day at GPGC! All members are reminded that Ladies who begin play during reserved times have priority on the course throughout their entire round.

**18 Hole Lady Golfers** — Welcome back to all the ladies; Our Spring season is about to begin...finally. Remember to bring all your news to the 1st meeting of the year on March 2, at 9 a.m. Let's get ready to have some fun and enjoy each other and the weather. Questions? Carole Davis 472-1001.

The management of Grants Pass Golf Club has tapped into the wonderful resources of our own membership through structured "focus group" meetings and the results have been OUTSTANDING!

**Coming Very Soon.....The New GPGC Logo: A New Look and a New Promise!**

## **GHIN Handicap Services Begin March 1<sup>st</sup>!**

All GPGC members should be aware that GHIN Handicap Posting begins Tuesday, March 1st. If you have not yet enrolled with GHIN Handicap services or would like to make any changes to your handicap services please contact the golf shop as soon as possible.

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**230 Espey Road**  
**Grants Pass, OR 97527**

### **OFFICERS**

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

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Rob Androy, Mike Buschke, Denny Curle,  
Tom Jarvis, DF Myrick, Jon Robinson  
and Gordon Williams

### **STAFF**

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

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