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November 2011



## *Greetings From Your President*

With the end of September came the end of our fiscal year at Grants Pass Golf Club. The month of October has given the Board members a chance to review our financial situation. The refinancing of our first mortgage has helped us maintain a flat year regarding making a profit. The loss of profit can be attributed to being down 32 members not paying dues.

Over the past year, we have shrunk every department's budget, and without incurring any further debt we still maintained a quality golf course for our members. Our course looks and plays as well as ever, drawing compliments from members, guests and professionals throughout the industry. Many thanks once again to our staff who have worked hard to maintain the standards Grants Pass Golf Club is accustomed to, while still working to be fiscally responsible.

In his second year with our club, our Director of Golf Mr. Reams has implemented many new ideas for the betterment of our club. I appreciate the many operational changes he has provided while at the same time I have enjoyed the positive energy change in the culture of Grants Pass Golf Club. From my many years of membership it is easy to compare, see and feel the very positive golf and social camaraderie throughout our membership like never before.

Looking ahead to 2012, our department managers have been working with Mr. Reams to provide an operations budget that together will continue to balance course conditions, payroll, repairs and maintenance, member programs and our limited debt specific to our current dues structure. Although it is our intent to continue operating within our current dues structure through 2012, the increased cost of doing business will certainly challenge our leadership staff to provide an improved product at such a tremendous value. Committees are reviewing the initial drafts of the 2012 budget and will provide feedback at our November Board Meeting for final review and board member vote.

In addition to the 2012 operating budget, club operations has worked over the past few months, together with all committees, to develop a long range capital projects plan. As opposed to large number bulk capital expenses from the past that drive substantial member dues increases, this plan adopts a method of setting aside a percentage of gross revenues and earmarking those specific funds for pre-approved capital expenses such as equipment, renovations, appliances, etc... on a consistent year to year basis. The end result is a dues structure that reflects consistency with only occasional small dues increases and yet affords a regular annual schedule of capital projects that reflects steady improvement over time. This is an exciting plan that shows real forward thinking and planning for the responsible betterment of our club that makes good sense and I would encourage you to read more about this plan in this month's column presented by Matt Reams.

Last but not least, I want to remind all members of the three open Director positions this December. We have seven terrific candidates planned for this year's ballot and great plans for you to get to know each and every one. First, is the insert to this month's newsletter which provides a brief insight into each candidate together with a picture to help all members identify them. Second, is the Candidates Night Member dinner and forum scheduled for Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> with dinner at 6:00 pm and a candidates forum starting at 6:45 pm. Through this forum you will be equipped with a lot of information specific to each candidates position on a number of issues that are likely important to every member's vote. We are expecting a great dinner presentation and a lot of member interest, so I look forward to seeing all of you there.

*Respectfully Submitted, Tom Jarvis,  
President Grants Pass Golf Club.*

## *Members Dinner & Candidates Night Forum*

Plan to Join Us for a Delicious Member Dinner

Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>

5:30 pm ..... Cocktails

6:00 pm ..... Dinner

6:45 pm ..... Candidates Forum

**Just \$12.50 per person**

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Menu Includes:

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# Tournament Results

Our Grants Pass Seniors finished their 2011 season with their October 7<sup>th</sup> Scramble event and luncheon. Their great tournament field celebrated another solid season and an end of year performance that shows these guys are good! Congratulations to all the winners listed below:

## November Events Schedule

### November 5

Turkey Triathlon 10:00 am

### November 6

Daylight Savings Time

Move your Clocks back One Hour

### Hours of Operation

Golf Shop 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

Tee Times 7:30 am to 5:00 pm

Practice Range 7:30 am to 5:00 pm

### November 24

Happy Thanksgiving!

### November 29 thru December 1

Bandon Dunes Trip

### November 30

GHIN Handicaps: Last Posting Day

### Team Scramble

1. Lynn Mantooth – Mark Larsen – Randy Erickson – Donn Withers	114
2. Dave Flansbaum – Bill Doran – Jack Downs – Tom Vogel	117
3. Stan Hushbeck – Jerry Brown – Bob Meyer – Ken Van Tassel	118
4. Craig Maiwald – Bob Berns – Rick Wright	121
5t. Dale Brain – Mick Jennings – Jack Little – Larry Wills	122
5t. Steve Wilkinson – Mike McCartney – Walt Slater	122
7. Jim Harris – Dick Winner – Jesse Smith – Vern Laugsand	124
8. Jerry Price – Dave Presley – John Soderling – Buzz Gates	125
9. G. Oliphant – E. Preisendorfer – D. Lambert – E. Carter	127
10. Ray Sandoe – Mike Bunn – Stan Vobora – Derral Wampler	129

### KP - Hole 2

KP - Hole 13

### Handicap 0-18

Lynn Mantooth

Jerry Price

### Handicap 19 & up

Jesse Smith

Donn Withers

### 2011 Low NET Champions

1. Jack Downs	196
2. Jerry Brown	199
3. Bob Berns	201

### 2011 Low GROSS Champions

1. Jim Harris	230
2. Ray Sandoe	241

## Forward Thinking:

# GPGC 5-Year Plan

Thanks to the forward thinking vision and member commitment from years past, Grants Pass Golf Club is not only one of the best golf experiences in Southern Oregon but also by far one of the greatest values anywhere. As I look back on the steps members have taken to achieve our current position it makes me think of how difficult it would be to pass the large dues increases it took to fund the irrigation, clubhouse and maintenance building projects done in past years. Those were surely challenging decisions but the end result has turned into a wonderful, wonderful product.

Looking ahead and planning for future improvements, those most important to today's member total golf experience, GPGC club committees have embraced the forward thinking and funding of a 5-year plan. A plan specifically designed to provide consistent annual funding for regular projects and improvement as

opposed to large bulk dues increases. The underlying principle of this plan is to fund projects through a percentage of month to month gross revenues (4%) and allow for consistent regular improvements year after year.

Together, all working club committees have submitted priority project plans for the betterment of Grants Pass Golf Club, with a few key examples listed below:

- Cart Paths R&M
- Member Cart Barn R&M
- Main Entrance Signage & Landscape
- A.E.D. Device(s)
- Clubhouse Interior Painting
- Rebuilding Specific Course Tee Boxes
- New Green Constructions (Hole#'s 1, 7, 8, 9 & 11)
- Stand Alone F9 Course Restroom
- Kitchen Equipment Replacements
- Restaurant Furniture Replacements

Together, the complete list of projects total more than \$300,000 and is more to fund than any reasonable dues increase would allow. However, adopting this funding plan with periodic small in-

creases makes all of these projects manageable and very doable.

*So why aren't we doing this now?*

Our membership is currently 93% of capacity and the missing 7% goes along way to funding projects outside of day to day operations. Yes, if our membership was 100% full, we would be funding this plan today. However, because we're not full, should we really bypass the repairs and maintenance of our cart paths, buildings and appliances? It has been nearly 4 years since our last dues increase and it is our priority to maintain the same dues rate through 2012 but the opportunity to fund this project plan in the future is paramount!

The purpose of this column is to begin sharing an informative plan with the whole membership for the future and build support for the opportunities just ahead. Members can look forward more information sharing on this topic in the months ahead.

*Matt Reams, Director of Golf & Operations*

# Turkey Triathlon Golf Tournament



Saturday, November 5th  
10:00 am Shotgun Start

## 4-Player Teams

(Men's & Mixed Divisions)

\* 6-Holes Scramble

\* 6-Holes Shamble

\* 6-Holes Chapman

\*Drive Minimums Required\*

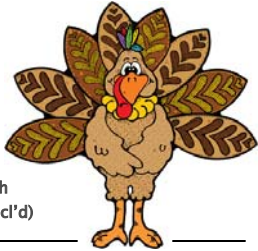


Member

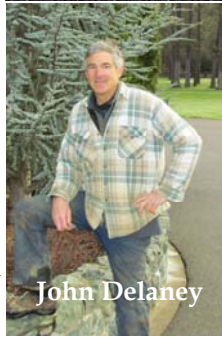
Entry Fee:

**\$35.00**

Enjoy a Delicious Thanksgiving Lunch following Play (incl'd)



# Golf Course Maintenance



John Delaney

This fall weather has been just perfect for growing in the seed that has been placed in the ground at aerification. The cool night time temperatures and bright warm sunny afternoons

have been a recipe for good germination and growth of our perennial ryegrass over seeding. It has been warm enough to water fairways during the day and once at night. The turf is still growing so well that clippings have to be blown off fairways and green surrounds in order to keep things clean.

The fall color of our trees is showing up all over the course. We have a nice variety of Maples, Sweetgums and Oaks that show great color combination. It seems a shame that soon these beautiful creations will be falling off their branches and we will be frantically trying to pick them up.

We will continue with fall over seeding and some aerification of areas on the golf course that we have a hard time growing grass. Many of these spots are so hard that it will take a few rain events for them to soften up enough to allow the equipment to break into the ground. 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,  
Golf Course Superintendent*



# Membership Corner

## New Members

Peter Pruyne – 541.793.9052  
Mike & Marlane Trask – 541.582.4572

## So Long Old Members

Cary & Jeanette Richardson  
Ralph & Kim Kozak

**Board Meeting  
November 10th  
at 4:30pm**

Presenting the  
2012 Candidates for  
Grants Pass Golf Club  
Board of Directors:

**Tim Cummings**  
**Sherry Holt**  
**Jane Kelly**  
**Dwight Lambert**  
**Rob Pratt**  
**Gary Schaefer**  
**Terry Soeteber**

Included in this month's newsletter is a short Candidates Bio Summary insert for all seven candidates presented to the voting membership through the nominating committee. All members are encouraged to take time out and get to know all seven candidates, their many worthy qualifications and their positions towards governing Grants Pass Golf Club in the future before casting their ballot later this month.

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!**

November 22 - December 6, 2011

# SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, December 3rd

## MEMBERS HOLIDAY PARTY

Plan to Join us with Friends  
and lots of  
Holiday Good Cheer!!

**5:30 pm Cocktails &  
Hors d'oeuvres**

**6:30 pm Holiday Dinner**

**8:00 pm Music &  
Dancing**

More information and details  
coming soon!



Special thanks and recognition goes out to:

- Susie Frey
- Dee Shoup &
- Ruth Oliphant

For their tremendous Mardi Gras themed painting for this year's Cave Country Classic.



## Great Shots!

- September 21st—Rich Word eagled #1 with an 8 inch putt
- September 25th- Chuck Sampson eagled #15 from 56 yards
- October 2nd—Kayla Kozak had a Hole-In-One on #5 with an 8 iron from 115 yards—she's 12 years old!
- October 4th—Jerry Price shot 76 (2 under his age)
- October 5th—John Jessup eagled #6 with a 7 iron from 145 yards
- October 8th— Kayla Kozak eagled #8 with a 5 iron
- October 11th-Robin Jones had a Hole-In-One on #13 with a 7 iron from 134 yards (his 3rd on #13)



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