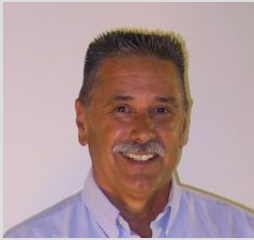




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September 2011



### *A Message from the Secretary*

I thought I would write a news article, to bring our members up to speed with what the Finance Committee has been working on this year . . . Our committee along with the Board of Directors have continued to find the most efficient ways to manage the club's assets, while creating new opportunities for

the club to increase revenue and grow memberships. As of July 31<sup>st</sup> the club's cash reserves are above \$200,000 dollars and our bottom line is on pace with budgeted revenues and expenses.

Since the beginning of this year, the Finance Committee has made recommendations to the Board that have resulted in significant reductions in our long term debt. By paying off our second loan and refinancing our first loan at a lower interest rate, we have incurred a savings of over \$60,000 a year in finance charges. The Finance Committee and the Board of Directors are to be commended for the amount of energy and effort they contributed towards these achievements.

The Finance Committee continues to entertain and review various resources that may contribute and increase our revenues. One recommendation that may create additional revenue is to partner with the Oregon State Lottery and install Video Lottery game terminals within the club. Several Oregon golf clubs (including RVCC) currently have these terminals at their club, and are receiving a significant return. A representative from the Oregon Lottery will be meeting with the committee to respond to questions and determine if our club would qualify under the Oregon Lottery Administrative Rules. If you have any questions that you would like the representative to address, please send me an email or call me.

On another note, the Finance Committee has also been working towards a significant long range plan for Grants Pass Golf Club. This plan involves contributing efforts from all committees for more than 20 planned improvements (big and small) to the club over the next 5 years. Although the entire plan is not yet complete, the projects that have been outlined and their impact to the enjoyment of the Grants Pass Golf Club experience is quite significant. Members can look for more updates on this long range plan in the months ahead. In the meantime, the Board of Directors would like to acknowledge the Ladies 9-Hole group for their significant contribution (\$1300.00) made last month which has been accepted and earmarked specifically for a portion of a new front entrance sign for Grants Pass Golf Club. Thanks Lady Niners - You're the Best!

As of August 1<sup>st</sup>, the club is in possession of 30 shares of stock and few would argue that GPGC is the best golf value in the Rogue Valley. If you know anyone who would like the opportunity to join our great club, have them contact Judy and tell them Mike sent you! One last reminder! There will be 3 open positions on the Board of Directors. If you are interested in serving on your Board please contact our Office Manager.

*Sincerely, Mike Buschke, Board Secretary*

### **Have YOU referred**

#### **a NEW Member?**

Membership at Grants Pass Golf Club is hovering at approximately 94% of full capacity and the 5+% we are missing represents nearly \$70K in annual revenues that go along way to minimizing member dues and investing in the conditioning of all of our facilities. Members referring new members have always been the best and most effective means of growing club membership. Furthermore, GPGC rewards your referrals when new members join the club with your choice of one month's free dues, \$250 golf shop credit book or 10 complimentary guest passes! If you have questions or need help just give Matt Reams or Judy Ano a call.

### **Complimentary Membership Guest Day – September 17th**

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 your club.
- Enjoy complimentary grilled lunch provided by the Players Pub served from 10:30 am to 5:00pm.
- Close the sale of a new membership to one of your guests and receive one of the member referral incentives.

\* Due to the tremendous popularity of complimentary guest days, it has become necessary to now charge applicable cart fees for all players using carts.



# Tournament Results

**Grants Pass Golf Club "Club Championship"** This year's Club Championship Golf Tournament started play on August 10<sup>th</sup> with approximately 90 players and concluded with our awards dinner on August 14<sup>th</sup> where attendance topped 160 guests. In between, a lot of great golf was played and tough matches decided at times by a single putt. Congratulations to all of our 2011 Champions listed below and many thanks to our entire field of players who helped make this Club Championship one of the best of all times!

## September Events Schedule

<b>September 2</b> GPGC Seniors	8:30 am
<b>September 5</b> Labor Day Best Ball	9:00 am
<b>September 7</b> Men's Club Final and Dinner	5:30 pm
<b>September 12</b> Cave Country Classic Practice Rounds Cave Country Classic Horserace	3:00 pm
<b>September 13 &amp; 14</b> Cave Country Classic	9:00 am
<b>September 17</b> Member Guest Day	all day
<b>September 24 &amp; 25</b> Grants Pass Cup at Running Y Ranch	
<b>September 26 to 30</b> Course <b>CLOSED</b> for Fall Aerification	

## Qualifying Medalists

Men's Championship – Ryan Melnychuk 71  
 Senior Men's Championship – Jim Harris 77  
 S-Senior Men's Championship – Dick Tyler 72

Ladies' Championship – Reva Flower 87  
 Senior Ladies' – Dee Hushbeck 85  
 S-Senior Ladies' Championship – Pat Tyler 94

## Championship Match Play Results

### Men's Division

Champ. Flight – Ryan Schaefer 5&4 over Ryan Melnychuk  
 First Flight – Dave Wittkopf 3&2 over Brandon Fields  
 Second Flight – Marv Ransom 19 Holes over Dave Prulhiere  
 Senior Championship – Phil Berggren 3&2 over Skip Floto  
 Senior First Flight – Tom O'Donnell 4&3 over Tom Jarvis  
 Sr. Second Flight – Craig Mailwald 2&1 over Mike Buschke  
 Super Sr. Championship – Ross Jesswein 2up over Dick Tyler  
 Super Sr. First Flight – George Oliphant 1up over Jay Gum



L to R: Craig Maiwald, Phil Berggren, Dave Wittkopf, Ross Jesswein, Marv Ransom, Ryan Schaefer & George Oliphant.



L to R: Nancy Smith, Vicki Moffatt, Mickey Jarvis & Sherry Williams

### Ladies Division

Champ. Flight – Mickey Jarvis 6&5 over Anique Cummings  
 Senior Champ. – Vicki Moffatt 3&1 over Dee Hushbeck  
 Sr. First Flight – Sherry Williams 5&4 over Cyndi Spencer  
 Super Sr. Champ. – Nancy Smith 4&3 over Christine Zimmer

## Junior Club Championship

Junior Execs	Champion
	Runner Up
3-Hole	Champion
	Runner Up
6-Hole	Champion
	Runner Up
9-Hole	Champion
	Runner Up
18-Hole	Champion
	Runner Up

**Girls**  
 Brooke Anderson - 20  
 Margaret Marks - 29  
 Elayna Hunt - 25  
 Maddi Hollenbeck - 26  
 Kendall Cummings - 42  
 Brooke Blacksmith - 49  
 Maci Jokumsen - 61  
 Taylor Chapman - 62  
 Kayla Kozak - 84

**Boys**  
 Branden Martinez - 25  
 Luke Belnap - 31  
 \*John Beckstead - 24  
 \*Jakob Blacksmith - 24  
 Jordan Hodges - 44  
 Trent Anderson - 47  
 Jackson Bartow - 52  
 Taylor Anderson - 54  
 Cody Bearisto - 85  
 Jeret Musser - 107



Junior Girls Champions:  
 Top L: Kendall Cummings, Kayla Kozak.  
 Bottom : Brooke Anderson & Elayna Hunt

## Junior Skills Championship

Junior Execs	Putting
3-Holers	Putting
6-Holers	Putting
9-Holers	Putting
18-Holers	Putting
Junior Execs	Chipping
3-Holers	Chipping
6-Holers	Chipping
9-Holers	Chipping
18-Holers	Chipping

**Girls**  
 Ava Guthrie  
 Madi McKay  
 Grace Hull  
 Kennedy Beck  
 Kayla Kozak  
 Allison Robinson  
 Kelsey Lucido  
 Belle Vest  
 Hunter Buschke  
 Kayla Kozak

**Boys**  
 Brandon Martinez  
 Kobe Chapman  
 Brayden Satre  
 Taylor Anderson  
 Robert Galli  
 Bryce Robertson  
 Oliver Ausland  
 Bryce Carpenter  
 Tucker Daniel  
 Tanner Vest

Junior Boys Champions: Top: Cody Bearisto, Bottom L: Jordan Hodges, John Beckstead, Jakob Blacksmith, Branden Martinez & Jackson Bartow



Burt Mintey Awards for Sportsmanship: Daniel Kerr & Jordyn Hill

## The LABOR DAY Best Ball Tournament - Monday, September 5th

Choose your favorite foursome team or sign-up to be paired then join us Monday, September 5th for the Labor Day Best Ball Tournament. Our format is 2-Best Balls of the Foursome with all teams competing in one of two flights: Men's Flight (4 Men) or Mixed Flight (2 Men & 2 Women only). Entry fee is \$35.00 pp and includes lunch after play. Non-Members are welcome but must have a current GHIN Handicap and pay applicable guest fee(s). Entry Deadline is Saturday, September 3rd at 5:00 pm - call the golf shop and sign-up today!

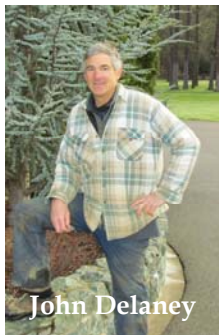


**September 5th - LABOR DAY is also Patriot Golf Day** at Grants Pass Golf Club benefiting the Folds of Honor Foundation. The Folds of Honor Foundation provides post-secondary educational Scholarships for children and spouses of military service men and women killed or disabled while serving our great nation.

"As a proud son of a career military man and a veteran myself, Patriot Golf Day really hits home with me. Please join me in supporting the Folds of Honor Foundation through Patriot Golf Day at Grants Pass Golf Club. I've pledged to donate \$1 for every stroke (NET) that the total tournament field finishes under par with a goal of \$250 and I invite you to share in this supportive spirit as well". Contributions will be accepted through the golf shop by cash, check or member charge at anytime thru the Labor Day weekend.

- Matt Reams

## Golf Course Maintenance



John Delaney

September is a very busy month for our crew. Not only are we focused on presenting the golf course at it's best for regular play and our season ending tournaments but we are also preparing for

the fall aerification programs that take place during the last week of the month. That's right, our course will be closed to all play from Monday September 26th thru Friday September 30th for Fall aerification. Specifically, we will be coring and top dressing all tees, fairways and greens throughout the course. To prepare in advance, you will begin to see sand stock pilings throughout various out of play locations on the course. This Fall project is critical to the ongoing improvements to the condition of your course. Although closing the course for five straight days is a significant inconvenience, the benefits will continue to pay dividends in the seasons ahead.

Most of you have surely noticed the newly reseeded turf nursery area between holes 5 and 6. This nursery serves as our donor site for various sod needs during our winter projects (like tee box and green surround renovations). Members should keep in mind that the nursery area is not a regular play area and in fact should be considered "ground under repair" with free relief. Regular watering cycles to this area is still the norm and zero traffic on this area is a must.

Although our course has shown generally very well this year, we have mother nature to thank for another cooler summer. However, that is not to say that we have perfect growing conditions. If weather turns different than expected, it just means there will be different challenges to maintaining quality turf.

## Membership Corner

### New Members

Judy Wallace - 541-761-4634  
Lon & Linda McKellar - 541-660-0640  
Guy Cameron - 541-295-2129

**Board Meeting  
September 8th at  
5:30pm**

### NOW AVAILABLE

The 2011 Member Book  
It includes much information about the club's organization, clubs within the club, rules, bylaws, member phone numbers, and more.

Get your copy in the Pro Shop.

### Golf Course Maintenance Con't

Currently, we have been experiencing some disease in the fairways called dollar spot. This disease is common for our fairways, but generally not found in mid summer due to the hotter temperatures. The disease reaches its peak when temperatures range from 70-85 degrees and atmospheric humidity is 70% or higher. In general turfgrass growing under low soil moisture conditions is more susceptible to dollar spot. Our crews are combating these issues and promoting their recoveries with various applications including increases in fertilizers to speed the recovery and grow out of this limited area condition. These applications as well as a continued regiment of fertilizers have additional benefits that will compliment the recoveries of all turf areas following our Fall aerification.

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



# 18 Hole Lady Golfers

Hi Ladies....It's hard to believe, but here comes our Grand Finale Event for the season--- Our **Cave Country Classic** with Mardi Gras theme.

It's our **BIGGEST** and **MOST FUN** tournament of the year. Please sign up or call Karen Oakley or Sandy Harris for more information. Save the dates on Sept. 12, 13 and 14th for a great time.



## Great Shots!

July 23rd—Dan Hunt eagled #14 — he made the putt!

July 31st—Paul Holt eagled #18 with a pitching wedge from 109 yds

August 2nd—Larry Wills shot 87 — one under his age of 88

August 4th - Jack Downs shot his age of 84

August 9th—Bob Loomis had a Hole-in-One on #5 with a choke down 3 wood from 180 yards.



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