

# Grants Pass Golf Club



# TEE to GREEN NEWS

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February 2010

## **Welcome New Members**

Scott Rawson 659-9065  
Kevin O'Malley 441-8881

## **So Long Old Members**

CJ Maphet

## **February Events**

Welcome Matt Reams 1pm	6
Board Meeting 5:30pm	11
President's Day Scramble	13

## **Greetings from the Board!**

February of 2010 seems to be shaping up like January of 2010 . . . cold and wet, but we're still sneaking in some good rounds when we can. The Pro Shop has new rain gear available for those of you who haven't got yours yet. Unfortunately . . . you may still need it for a while.

All of the new Board members seem to be getting right into the swing of things out here at the club. New committees are already under way with assignments and projects. They are working hard to prioritize the needs of our golf course for the upcoming year.

For anyone who has not had the chance to meet Matt Reams, our new Director of Golf, stop by the Pro Shop and introduce yourself when you get the chance. Until then, here's a little background on Matt . . .

Matt Reams enlisted in the United States Air Force in November of 1981 and for the next four years proudly served his country as a member of the 43<sup>rd</sup> and 437<sup>th</sup> Mobile Logistics Squadron. That assignment sent him to 37 states and nine foreign countries. On August 8th, 1985, in Frankfurt, Germany, terrorists attacked the Rhein-Main Air Base. Matt Reams was seriously wounded and was awarded the Purple Heart.

Matt, who has always been an avid golfer, started his career in golf in 1987 as a Professional Golf Management Intern at the Northwood Country Club in Dallas Texas. Three years later he became the Assistant Pro at the Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Maryland. During that period he graduated from Ferris State University with a degree in Professional Golf Management and a Bachelor of Science in Marketing.

In 1993 Matt received his Class A Membership in the PGA and became the Head Golf Professional at Thorntree Country Club in Desoto, Texas. In 1995, Matt and his family moved to Carmel, California. At Carmel Valley Ranch, a four-star luxury destination resort, Matt was the Head Pro. Two years later, he was promoted to the Director of Golf.

In 1999 Matt returned to Texas, and for the next 6 years, he was the Director of Golf at the Sweetwater Country Club in Sugar Land, Texas. Then, in 2007, Matt was recruited to join the initial management team at Cougar Canyon Golf Links in Trinidad, Colorado. Not only was he the Director of Golf, but he was also directly responsible for setting up the facility and the club's operation.

Away from golf, Matt spends his time with his wife D'laina and their daughter, Alyssa. The family enjoys snowboarding and spending time with their two Great Danes and two Dalmatians.

The Board of Directors would like to invite the membership to join us on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. in the dining room at the Player's Pub to welcome Matt Reams and his family to Grants Pass Golf Club.

To get a regular update on how we are managing our Club, we recommend that you attend our monthly Board of Directors meetings. Our next meeting will be on February 11<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm in the boardroom. If you have specific questions, please feel free to contact Marv Ransom at [marv\\_m3@hotmail.com](mailto:marv_m3@hotmail.com), or Matt Reams at [gpgcmgmt@charterinternet.com](mailto:gpgcmgmt@charterinternet.com).

Respectfully submitted, *The Board of Directors*



Matt Reams  
Director of Golf

### From the Pro Shop

## President's Day Scramble – Saturday, February 13

Mark your calendars now for the first event of the 2010 Tournament Calendar! The **President's Day Scramble** is slated for Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> with a 10:00 am shotgun start and we have put in our requests to reserve a beautiful weather day for everyone. The entry fee is just \$30.00 per player and includes team prizes as well as a delicious soup & salad meal following play. Teams will be created by a random A-B-C-D equitable draw with all teams required to play a minimum of 3 drives from each player of the team.

The **President's Day Scramble** is a great way to knock off the rust from your winter game and enjoy the day with fellow members. Call or stop by the golf pro shop today and sign-up for the **President's Day Scramble!**

## - - - - GOLF SHOP INVENTORY REDUCTION - - - -



### **JEFF has gone MAD!!**

The new director says this inventory has **Gotta Go** in order to make room for new brands, styles, colors and equipment breakthroughs and now has left Jeff in charge of moving it out. Jeff has marked down nearly everything in the shop to save you money like never before. Has Jeff gone MAD?

No, but you will be if you wait and miss these great deals!

**Shoes, Men's & Ladies Apparel, EQUIPMENT, accessories and more has GOTTA GO!!!**

### Play Golf with the Pros!

Matt Reams and Jeff Ott love to play golf and we want to play golf with members whenever our schedules allow. If your group has an opening and would like to add Matt or Jeff to your group, please call the golf shop and let us know. We will do our best to balance our professional schedule and responsibilities with the opportunities to play golf with ALL member groups (men, ladies & juniors). We really do play golf and we want to play with the members of Grants Pass Golf Club!

## from your Superintendent

January has started out with 2 inches of rain leaving the course saturated at this point. According to the forecasts that I have seen, rain will continue for 5 to 10 days.

The crew has been busy with many different projects now that much of the course debris is down and picked up. The debris; leaves, needles, small sticks and cones, were stored to the right side of hole # 12. We then had dumpsters delivered and this material was eventually hauled off. This is a different way to deal with the material than in the past. We feel it is a better alternative than making fires that can smolder for a week at a time. The amount of debris collected will exceed our budgeted

amount so some debris may be sitting there till next season. We recently built a safety rail for golf carts that have a tendency to wander off the path. This rail is behind 5 green heading to six tee. So be careful. The O B stakes on the left side of three rough were moved onto our property. I feel we lost 20 to 25 feet in some places... so straighten out your tee shots.

We have been doing some shop work, concrete floor leveling and installing some overhead lights in our pole barn. Thanks to a kind donation from a member. (Thanks, Marv Ransom).

The long winter cold snap that we had in December left a few of our greens with a new and interesting sour look. This look was a result of a pythium root disease. We had this confirmed from a laboratory in Texas. We have made fungicide treatments and are planning some cultural tactics to help them grow out healthy.

I know many of you have read the newspaper about the issue concerning the pump station at Savage Rapids area. We have had several conversations with the manager of GPID and he feels very good about getting that system up and running for the up coming irrigation season. It's a new year at Grants Pass Golf Club and the crew and I are looking forward to the challenges and changes ahead.

*John Delaney*



John Delaney  
Course Superintendent



### What's The Deal?

#### *From the USGA Greens Section Report*

**Q:** I'm a good bunker player, but I am constantly frustrated by the fact that the sand in our bunkers is brand new, yet still is not consistent. Our superintendent says it's impossible to do. Can you prescribe a treatment that can help us achieve better consistency? (Indiana)

**A:** Bunkers are found throughout the golf course, and the different locations make it virtually impossible for them to play exactly the same. Golf is an outdoor game, and consistency is neither possible nor particularly desirable. Even identically designed and constructed bunkers will play differently due to differing exposures to sun, wind, rain, varying levels of play, etc. We cannot recommend anything special aside from having the same sand in all of the bunkers and raking them in a similar fashion. Golfers must take some responsibility and adjust for playability variations that will naturally occur.

**And speaking of bunkers...** The Greens Committee has been discussing the placement of bunker rakes for years. In or Out? Well as of the last vote from the committee, they decided to have them placed back in the bunkers. This will save some time when mowing the surrounds. The effective date of this change is February 1st.

## **Tournament Highlights**

Happy New Year. The 2010 Tournament Schedule and Tournament Manual are available in the Pro Shop. The President's Day Scramble is February 13, 2010. This year it is on a Saturday because Sunday is Valentine's Day. You can sign up in the Pro Shop. Don't forget the Grants Pass Cup. Points, Points, Points. The new cup points are posted in the Pro Shop. The club championship is going to be bigger and better this year. Set the date and be ready for some great fun. Soon to be available on the web site — 2009 Club Champion pictures. Keep Smiling.

*Markeith Wittopf, Tournament Chairman*

## ***Great Shots for December***

Guy Finley had a sandy, snowy, birdie on hole #17 with a 4 iron on December 29th.

Larry Wills eagled hole #3 with a 7 wood from 140 yards on January 7th. (His age 86, his score 85)

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