

# Grants Pass Golf Club



# TEE to GREEN NEWS

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July 2008

## Welcome New Members

Ernie & Brandi Fields	660-1068
Todd & Doris Church	476-0206
Michael & Liz Blair	479-0430
Chuck & Jennifer Wert	479-7565
Richard Marley & Linda Bishop	441-8060

## So Long Old Members

Janice McCarthy & Jim Thompson  
Jerry & Donna Anderson  
John Castle  
Charles Cangilose  
Cole & Mandy Chapman

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Member Open House & Budget Meeting	30

## from your President

Wow! Warm weather, what a treat. Remember summer rules so play 'em down.

We are finalizing our 2008 - 2009 budget and are looking forward to two general membership budget meetings at 7pm on Thursday, July 17th and also Wednesday July 30th. The Restaurant is hosting an open house on both days from 5:30 to 7pm to celebrate their opening and show appreciation for your support. These meetings are to inform the membership of our budget proposals and use your suggestions to help us fine tune the overall budget. Please plan to attend one of these two meetings. We are aiming for a budget vote in late August or early September.

Last month the Board received a petition to eliminate fivesomes from March through October. After some discussion and a unanimous recommendation from the Pro & House Committee the Board voted to accept the change starting the first week of July. This of course puts added pressure on the Pro Shop as twosomes and singles should be put together to free up more tee times. This is especially important on Tues. & Thurs. There has been much discussion since this decision and it could very well be reversed again at our July meeting. Please let your Board members know how you feel. There are good arguments on both sides.

As I am finishing this newsletter, I couldn't help feeling how lucky we are to have such a nice place to play. With fuel prices and green fees going through the roof, we only have to travel a few miles for most of us to play at one of the better layouts in our area. I hope everyone feels the same way and continues to support our efforts.

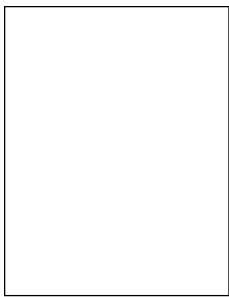
John Spetter  
President

## **CALCULATING ADJUSTED GROSS SCORES WHEN 9 OR 18 HOLES NOT PLAYED/COMPLETED**

### **from your Handicap Committee:**

1. Holes not played: Record par plus handicap strokes you are entitled to on the remaining holes.
2. Holes played, but not completed: Record the number of strokes taken, plus the number of strokes you most likely would have taken to complete the hole. (not to exceed your maximum allowable hole score on the Equitable Stroke Control (ESC Chart). This includes conceded strokes in match play. (A copy of this chart is attached inside the cabinet door over the computer in the pro shop. Also, on the bulletin board in the ladies' locker room.)
3. Reminder: You must complete 13 holes to post an 18-hole round. If you play only 7 to 12 holes, post a 9 hole score. Less than 7 holes is not considered an acceptable round for posting purposes.

*Have questions? Contact Ginny Fahl, Handicap committee chairman or ask Kent or Jeff in the pro shop.*



Kent DeRocher  
Head Golf Professional

### **From the Pro Shop**

Well summer has quickly come upon us, and the pro shop has been busy keeping up with all the work. The Caveman Chapman was played on May 31st and June 1st; we had a full field and the results were as follows:

#### **A Flight—Gross**

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| 1. Joey Rossknecht & Trent Thompson | 137 |
| 2. Ryan Hawkins & Byron Robertson   | 143 |
| 3. Ryan Schaefer & Gary Schaefer    | 144 |

#### **A Flight—Net**

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| 1. Doug Vetsch & Tom O'Donnell   | 130 |
| 3. Jeff Foster & Matt Hill       | 136 |
| 4. Terry Faulkner & Steve Hixon  | 137 |
| 5. Braymer Neville & Bruce Hart  | 138 |
| 6t. Bruce Drevets & Keith Drevet | 139 |

#### **B Flight -Gross**

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| 1. Brian Laubscher & Bob Brownell | 148 |
| 3. Skip Floto & Ross Jesswein     | 155 |

#### **B Flight—Net**

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| 1. Tom Jarvis & Steve Robertson   | 134 |
| 2. John Spetter & Terry Soeteber  | 136 |
| 3. Brian Maxwell & Travis Boersma | 137 |
| 4. Jack DiMatteo & Chad Guthrie   | 138 |
| 6t. Dan McLaughlin & Rich Booth   | 141 |
| 6t. Matt Bilyeu & Bob Blair       | 141 |

#### **C Flight—Gross**

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| 2. Jeff Hunter & Walt Pace | 160 |
| 3. Rex Titus & Lew Blue    | 165 |

#### **C Flight—Net**

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| 2. Marv Ransom & Rob Pratt         | 138 |
| 3t. Randy Shipley & Chuck Shipley  | 139 |
| 3t. Frank McLaughlin & Larry Katen | 139 |
| 6. Dick Tyler & Russ Weber         | 141 |
| 7. Ted Kruse & Curt Coulam         | 142 |

### **Up coming events to look for are:**

The Thorns & Roses July 19-20

The Men's and Ladies Club Championships August 6 - 10.

The junior program is up and running at full speed with over 100 juniors participating. It's great to see the future of GPGC participating in this program. The junior club championship is on August 4<sup>th</sup>. The final Awards banquet is scheduled for Wednesday August 6<sup>th</sup> with a quick round of golf followed by a BBQ dinner and the presentation of the Junior Club Championship Trophies.

As I look out the window and see another beautiful day in the Rogue Valley I hope to see more of you take a little time for yourself and enjoy this marvelous course of yours.

*Birdies forever, Kent*

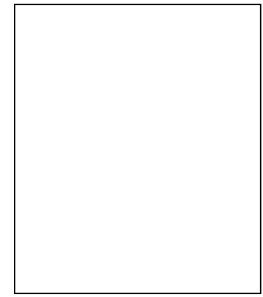
### ***Tournament TidBits***

The Thorns and Roses will be the "premier" tournament for July. Sign up in the pro shop. The committee is trying to get a "Rules" seminar scheduled for the end of August or first part of September. Members can come and ask rules questions from an OGA expert and he'll also tailor it to specific trouble spots on our course. We should have a firm date by the next newsletter. Just a reminder: Please keep in mind that per section 9 of OGA rules you cannot practice on the course before a stroke play tournament. Thanks and we'll see you out on the course.

Linda Dietz, Director  
Markeith Wittkopf, Chairman Tournaments  
Ginny Fahl, Chairman Handicaps

## **from your Superintendent**

The month of June was cooler than normal. These temperatures felt more like April than June. We had only one hot spell in May, and that was short lived. It looks like it will be warming up to more normal temperatures soon. We will be thinning the trees on the left side of the ninth tee box. The reason to do this is to open the view for people on one fairway to see the people on the tee. If golfers hitting stray shots from one see people on nine tee, they will yell four. This will be a safer situation. Also the trees themselves are growing out of the top making them heavier in the upper portion then the trunk can support. The three trees behind this row will be healthier.



John Delaney  
Course Superintendent

We recently cleaned out the pond on 3, dragging the pond weeds to the bank. This is a method that cleans the water. Many of the chemicals that are used in ponds do work but at a very high price, with multiple applications. The problem with this pond is that it is very shallow, and the water isn't moving enough. The fish (grass carp) have been spotted in the ponds and have grown in size, so they are eating. The amount of pond vegetation is just too great. But as we clean the weeds out and the fish get bigger we can begin to balance the water.

The flower bed behind eight is marked as a relief area, and the drop zone is on the eight green side of the cart path. We have created a nice walk path on the right side of the ladies 18th tee. It has a bark surface and is much easier slope than down the cart path. So be safe and use the path.

***Your Grounds Crew***

### **OGA Volunteers Sought**

Grants Pass Golf Club members have a unique opportunity to serve the game of golf by volunteering with the Oregon Golf Association. Our 55,000 member association has many volunteer opportunities in all areas of our organization. It would be a tribute to our club to identify ourselves as a golfing community willing to give back to the game of golf.

If you are interested, please contact your OGA CEO, Barbara Trammell email: [btrammell@OGA.org](mailto:btrammell@OGA.org) or call 1-866-981-4653.

Lynn M. Myrick  
President, Oregon Golf Association  
USGA Greens Section Committeeman  
USGA Regional Affairs Committeeman

### **Help!**

Included in our proposal for the new Maintenance Facility we had a separate line item for shop tools. However, after the City required many unplanned expenditures we no longer have any money for these tools.

We thought if the membership has any of these tools that they no longer use and would like to donate to the Club, the Maintenance Dept. would be very appreciative.

Because of the nature of the work, tools should be in good condition and be industrial or professional grade.

If you would like to make a cash contribution to our tool fund, put cash or check made out to GPGC in an envelope and mark it "Tools" and drop it in the office slot in the Pro Shop.

#### **Some examples of needed items are:**

- Ball Peen Hammers— big & small
- Snap Ring Pliers— big & small
- Tin Snips— big & small
- Vise Grips—big & small
- C—Clamps—big & small
- 50' Extension Cord—heavy duty (3 wire)
- Small Hydraulic Jack (bottle jack)

***Call John Delaney 659-7712 for any questions.***

***The Maintenance Dept & Greens Committee Thank You Very Much***

## Great Shots for May & June

Andy Dalisa eagled hole # 18 with a putter on May 16th.

Sue Bettencourt made a hole-in-one on hole # 2 on May 21st.

Ryan Melnychuk eagled hole # 18 from 6 yards with a lob wedge on June 4th.

Andy Dalisa eagled hole # 14 from 70 yards with a lob wedge on June 8th.

Marty McKenna made a hole-in-one on hole # 13 from 124 yards with a 9 iron on June 12th.

Bob Cameron eagled hole # 7 with a 5 wood on June 14th.

### Restaurant Open House on July 17 and July 30 from 5:30 to 7pm

We would love to see you there. If you do plan to attend, please let someone in the Restaurant know which date and how many in your party.

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