

Grants Pass Golf Club



TEE to GREEN NEWS

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June 2009

Welcome New Members

Casey Dockstader and
Sara Dinsdale 472-8873
Eric Haney 659-3676

So Long Old Members

John & Judith Reinhart
Leland Katsuda

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Update from the Finance Committee

During the last month we completed a review of all planned spending for the five months remaining in this fiscal year and cut approximately \$80,000 out of our budget. We believe that cutting spending and increasing our cash reserves are the right responses to keep GPGC strong during these difficult times. We will pursue the same approach when we develop the budget for the 2009/2010 fiscal year.

We are starting the development of a long term plan for GPGC. There are challenges and opportunities that need to be identified years in advance so that we can prepare and be ready. For example, if we identify a major expenditure for a course repair or improvement we can begin saving for it now rather than borrow more money. We will be asking for your inputs in developing and approving this long term plan.

Regards, Andy Dalisa

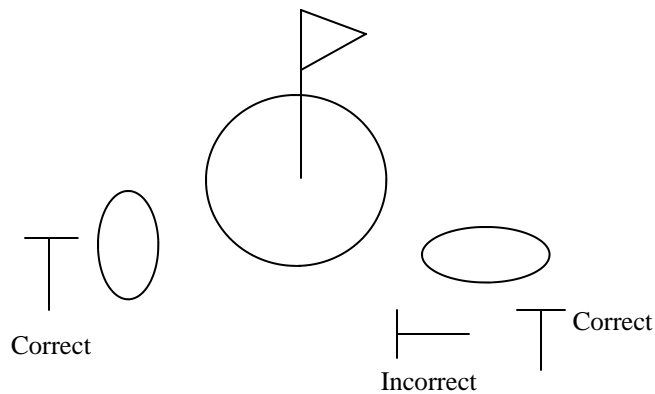
Greetings from the board . . .

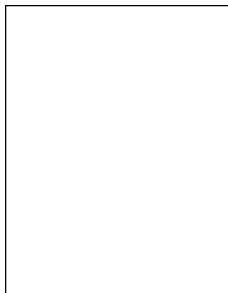
May was anything but ordinary. The weather ranged from freezing rain to 95 degrees . . . kind of like my golf game, hot and cold. The board has stayed busy with the "ins and outs" of running the golf course. We've had a couple of changes with the board recently. As you may know, Linda Dietz resigned in March. This month we would like to welcome Mike Forshay as a replacement Board member until the end of this year. Mike's enthusiasm and experience with the nominating committee last year will prove invaluable for our board. Mike has agreed to facilitate the nominating committee once again this year. Please make sure to congratulate and welcome Mike when you see him.

Jack DiMatteo has taken over the position of vice president of the board. Jack's service to the club and his willingness to get involved are great assets for us to utilize. Please drop a thank you to Jack the next time you see him for stepping up and taking on this new responsibility.

In or Out?

The subject of rakes in or out of the bunkers has come up again. The reason this time is the way rakes are left out of the bunkers. It seems players are haphazard by tossing them any place out of the bunker and not placing them in a position to minimize interference with in coming shots. Rakes should be placed with the handle pointed in the direction of the incoming shot and not interfere with a ball rolling onto the green. If we continue to have this situation, we will reverse our policy and leave them in the bunkers.





Kent DeRocher
Head Golf Professional

From the Pro Shop

It's beginning to feel like summer with a lot of events going on at our club. The Friday Night Mixers, Twi-Light League and Men's Club are all off and running. We want to thank you all for your participation in these events and look forward to seeing you more in the future.

We have the Caveman Chapman coming up on May 30th & 31st the course will be closed all day on the 30th and until 2:30pm on the 31st. This is always one of the most popular events of the year and we look forward to a great event this year.

Junior golf will be starting on June 7th so sign up quickly and take advantage of this great program. The program runs from the middle of June until the middle of August and there will be clinics on Mondays before the juniors head out on the course and play.

We had a great turnout for the Me & Mine Tournament, congratulations to all the winners.

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| 1. | Tom & Mickey Jarvis | 70 |
| 2. | Jeff & Belinda Richard | 72 |
| 3. | Glenn & Linda Edwards | 73 |

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| 1. | Paul & Sherry Holt | 56.8 |
| 2. | Walt & Pam Pace | 58.14 |
| 3. | Bob & Lavone Kirkwood | 59.35 |
| 4. | Denny & Jeanne Curle | 61.62 |
| 5. | Garry & Veronica Hauser | 62.08 |
| 6. | Gordon & Sherry Williams | 63.4 |
| 7. | Gary & Ginny Fahl | 63.67 |
| 8. | John & Sylvia Voorhies | 64.16 |

As you can see there a lot of opportunities to play and meet some fellow members at our club. I hope to see you come out and enjoy these fun activities.

Birdies forever, Kent

TWILIGHT LEAGUE AND THE CAVEMAN CHAPMAN

The Men's Twilight league announces the beginning of the 2009 Twilight league season. We have 12 teams on each Monday and Tuesday evening beginning May 4th, ending with the championship playoffs on August 14th. The Twilight league has been responsible for promoting new members to GPGC for many years as well as donations to club projects. The league is made up of 78 GPGC members and 58 non members. The non members pay green fees to GPGC. The Men's Twilight league also sponsors the **Caveman Chapman** tournament which takes place May 30th and 31st of this year. We have lowered the entry fee and increased the prize money for this years event.

Your 2008 Twilight League champion team members were: Jack Davis, Gary Schaefer, Steve Welch, Terry Faulkner, Ted Kruse and Lynn Myrick. For information about Twilight League, contact Gary Schaefer at 476-2500.

Ladies Golf

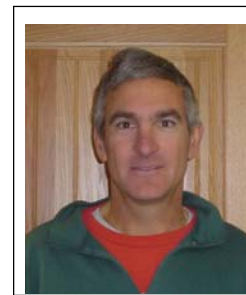
Anique Cummings eagled our 14th hole with a sand wedge on April 15th – **great shot!**

Many of the 9-hole and 18-hole women played in the Traveling Women's Tournament at Rogue Valley Country Club on Monday, May 11th and had a great time on a beautiful day.

Thanks to all of the Grandmothers that turned out to play on May 22nd! A fun time was had by all.

from your Superintendent

The summer season has hit us already. Even though it is still spring on the calendar, we feel the heat is more like summer. The recent project of spring aerification of greens, tees and approaches went OK. What happened with the rainfall the next day was the best for GPGC. The fact that the biggest rainfall event of the year came right after the project was completed was lucky indeed. Not just for washing the sand into aerification holes, but the course was running out of water. If the weather hadn't changed to rainy and cool, the club would have had to decide if we would purchase city water or not. It is so nice when Mother Nature takes care of us.



John Delaney
Course Superintendent



The remodel project at the shop is complete and we are waiting final inspection from the city, hopefully this week. This project could not have happened if it weren't for some key folks who took it upon themselves to see this through. John Spetter, who never gave up on wanting this to move forward, Gary Fahl, Andy Kofsky, a donation from Tim Prulhiere, at Colonial Decorators, and the Board for showing support for the improvements of this facility. The maintenance crew thanks all of you. The project was finished within budget.

The irrigation season has just begun. The district is pumping water from the newly constructed pump system and our first water day will be May 20th. We have been told the new system will be more consistent and productive in terms of bringing water out of the river. However, one thing that still remains the same is the fact that this water is pumped into open ditches that leak and evaporate. Some future plans of the district are to look at piping some of their ditches. This being the first try with the new system, there may be some cost savings allowing more of this to be done; time will tell.

As we all know, we have an active goose population. At last count there are over 50 birds on our property. They have nested off site and moved in for the prime conditions a golf course provides. These birds rip, tear, and pull up the turf. They are eating lots of grass off the green surrounds of 3 and 4 as well the areas of 9 and 11 ponds. We have been told that these birds are federally protected and there is not much we can do. So we will enjoy their company and look forward to the fall flight out of here.

We have recently done a cleaning project on the right side of 14 cart path. I have wanted to do this for some time. In this area, we have removed some trees and brush, exposing just the large trees. I know a lot of errant drives end up in this spot, so hopefully now one can have a play out of there. I will caution you though; there is a lot of poison oak around the site. We have sprayed as much as possible and will be spraying more, but please be careful.

We have had the red flag out on Mondays for many years now. The reason for this is twofold. Many times the course simply needs a break from all the cart traffic that happens the other six days. The main reason for this time of year is that quite often, we apply an herbicide treatment or fertilizer that should not be driven on for 24 hours. Some materials will injure the turf if smashed into the grass blade. Usually they recommend an irrigation before cart traffic. I know sometimes it's not the most popular situation, but the red flag does serve a purpose.

What's the Deal?

Many players have often said, "Hey, John, I am playing great golf, but the bloody holes you cut are just way too small for my puts to go in. Can't you fix that?" Well, the USGA (United States Golf Association) has set the size of the hole at 4 ¼ inches some time ago. According to legend, two golfers on the St. Andrews links, found that one hole was so badly worn, that they could not use it. Much of its sand had been removed by previous players for building tees. Anxious to repair the damage and continue their game, they looked around and discovered a nearby part of an old drainpipe. They inserted this in the hole. It was the first cup, and because it happened to measure 4 ½ inches across, all cups are now that size. So we are stuck with this dimension and the challenge we all face when playing this wonderful game.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

E.C. Mckenzie said it best; "Playing golf is like raising children. You keep thinking you'll do better next time."

The committee has scheduled the new member orientation for Saturday, June 13th, at 3:00 p.m. in the dining room. If you would like to attend, please notify the Office Manager, Judy Ano at 476-2454. If you wish to learn more about your membership committee, you may review their minutes on the www.grantspassgolfclub.com

Great Shots for April & May

Anique Cummings eagled hole #14 with a sand wedge from 60 yards on April 14th.
Frank McLaughlin eagled hole #15 with a pitching wedge from 65 yards on April 14th.
Jerry Gallardo eagled hole# 18 with a wedge from 85 yards on April 16th.
Marty McKenna eagled hole #14 with a putter from 12 feet (blue tees) on May 8th.
Dave Koch eagled hole # 8 with a sand wedge from 88 yards on May 15th.
Jim Harris eagled hole # 15 with a pitching wedge from 50 yards on May 16th.
Jim Harris eagled hole #10 with a pitching wedge from 85 yards on May 19th.

NO PARKING — We, the Board of Directors have received several complaints regarding those who continue to park vehicles along the curbs of the driveway leading into the golf course. This is the entrance and exit to the golf facility, not a parking zone. It is hard for vehicles leaving the course to see if it is clear to turn into now a one lane entrance, exit lane. It is unsafe and someone is going to get hit in their car or in a golf cart because of the lack of visibility. Thanks for your cooperation. *Grants Pass Golf Club Board of Di-*

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