

# Grants Pass Golf Club



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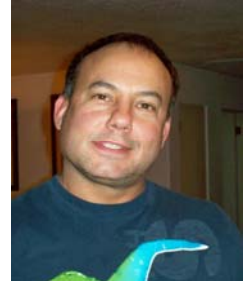
March 2010

## March Events

Ladies Opening Day	3
Board Meeting 5:30pm	11
GPGC Seniors 9:00 am	12
St. Patrick's Day	
Tournament 10:00 am	13

## Greetings from the Board!

Spring is just around the corner and so is our busy golf season . . . the mild temperatures at this time of year start me thinking about shaking the dust off my clubs, and hopefully . . . off my swing!



Marv Ransom  
President

One of the duties of the Board is to answer questions that our members ask and to find solutions to the issues and obstacles that our club might be dealing with during current times. A hot topic that every Board at GPGC has faced is the issue of having a Private vs. Semi -Private Club, and how much outside play (public play) we should allow. Every month I receive several emails and phone calls from our members on this subject.

I would like to share a summary recently written by our Director of Golf, Matt Reams, under the direction of the Board, that helps to clarify our identity and the direction we would like to pursue.

Grants Pass Golf Club holds the identity as a private club that provides limited outside play. Industry experience has shown that a club cannot serve two masters to the same benefit without negatively impacting one or the other (or both). In the case of Grants Pass Golf Club, play is regulated with a specific allegiance to the membership first and foremost with value and convenience to the membership representing our primary focus. Non-member rounds are a benefit to Grants Pass Golf Club due to the supplemental income generated through limited rounds and the opportunity to reduce the burden of operating expenses covered by monthly dues. Tee time availability provided to the public has been established based on member needs recognized as "peak times". Tee times recognized as "non peak times" are times that are available to the public at rates that reflect off-peak pricing.

Grants Pass Golf Club aspires to be held in high regard and a positive reputation to the community of Grants Pass through many different avenues. Public access for daily play is limited, but there is still access. The public also has access to a number of golf events. We also support three area public high school golf teams and their aspirations for practice and tournament host site. There is public access to the GPGC junior golf program (limited) and unlimited opportunities for public range practice. There is no doubt that we could do more to bring public access to Grants Pass Golf Club but to do so beyond the measures listed above would certainly impact the value, integrity and interest of our current membership.

Simply put, "Membership has its Privileges," and the members of Grants Pass Golf Club have made their financial investment to be members which by itself should yield privileges of exclusivity to their discretion, which includes reserved and non-competing tee times compared to outside play. In a world where things don't always make sense, the members of Grants Pass Golf Club have created policies that protect their investment in reserved golf while still maintaining a friendly open door approach to the community. That does make a world of sense.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marv Ransom  
President, GPGC

## Lower Guest Rates

<b>The new rates are:</b>	<b>Guest of a Member 18 holes</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
	<b>Guest of a Member 9 holes</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>



Matt Reams  
Director of Golf

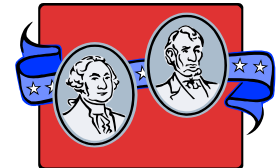
**From the Pro Shop**

**Tournaments Recaps:**

Our **President's Day Scramble**, presented as the first event of the 2010 GPGC golf season, brought members together for a wonderful day of golf and a segue to new relationships for members throughout the club. The beautiful weather enjoyed by all was just a precursor to the good golf, competitive scores and social fun throughout the day. Many thanks to all 76 players for their participation and congratulations to following teams who lead the field in scoring:

**Gross**

1. Jon Robinson – John Smutko – Gordon Williams – Susie Frey	64	\$60.00/player
2. Tom Jarvis – Roger Roberts – Jason Fields – Dennis Shoup	65	\$50.00
3. Jim Harris – Terry Nelson – Harry Gattey – Shirley Salcido	66	\$40.00



**Net**

1. John Spetter – Bill Galli – Tom Vogel – Jeanne Curle	49.6	\$60.00
2t. Ray Sandoe – Walt Pace – Chris Rossetta – Vicki Moffatt	50.5	\$45.00
2t. Gary Stevenson – Mike Buschke – Billy Rossknecht – Pat Huebsch	50.5	\$45.00



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**Closest to the Pin**

**Ladies**

Hole #13	Handicap 0 – 22	Shirley Salcido	20'1"
Hole #2	Handicap 23 & UP	Cindy Nelson	23'5"

**Men**

Hole #2	Handicap 11 – 14	Tom Jarvis	7'6"
Hole #2	Handicap 20 & UP	Chris Rossetta	9'2"
Hole #13	Handicap 0 -- 10	Rob Holland	5'6"
Hole #13	Handicap 15 – 19	Jason Fields	10'9"



**Upcoming Events:**

The **6<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day Tournament** is just around the corner (Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am Shotgun Start) – Are YOU Signed Up? Our event will be presented with **2-person teams** competing in one of two separate flights (Men's and Mixed). Members may choose their partner or sign-up as a single with the golf shop making their best efforts to pair you up. Got a favorite foursome? Let the pro shop know and we can pair your teams to play together. The \$35 pp entry fee includes tournament prize funds and a delicious Irish themed lunch buffet. Call the golf shop to sign-up today and celebrate St. Patty's Day at GPGC!



Grants Pass Golf Club kicks off the Spring Tour Invitational as the host site of the **2010 Rouge Pro-Am** on Saturday & Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. This great 2-day event puts teams of 4 amateur players together with one PGA professional in a 1 gross & 2 net team scoring format. Tournament entry is \$170 for amateurs and \$250 for professionals and includes 2 rounds of golf, tee prize, Saturday dinner, Sunday lunch, range balls and prize funds – what a great value! Stop by the pro shop for your entry form and get your team signed up today!

## from your Superintendent

February to date has been very mild with some rain. We are still waiting for the February tease of warm weather that has historically happened. The course is very wet as many of you know, but we were able to get some mowing done before the President's Day Scramble.

The greens have recovered from the cold and disease stress that hit them just after the first of the year. We made some fungicide treatments and solid tine aerified the worst ones, as well as fertilized them. We will be seeing more recovery as the temperatures begin to warm up.

We have completed the concrete footings on all OB and Hazard stakes on the golf course. Our mechanic, Larry Ammar, has been busy all winter preparing much of the mowing equipment for the upcoming season. This process is almost complete.

One of the up coming projects that I can't wait to get started on is to rebuild of the right side bunker on 14. We constructed it last spring to see if a sod stacked bunker could work in that situation. It was something that increased the degree of difficulty on an already hard bunker shot. We will soften the look and make it more user friendly. Another winter project to be completed is the pruning of roots that we hit with our mowers. They are getting worse and make mowing in some spots rough and are hard on the mowers in the long term.

As many of you have heard, GPID is facing some challenges this spring. We have been in contact with management, and they feel things will work out for the up coming season.

It would be helpful for all concerned that the carts stay on the path, as much as possible. This will help keep down the muddy ruts that are common in the winter time. If we all make an effort in this area, I know we can have less mud on our carts and less damage to the turf.

THANK YOU, *John Delaney*



John Delaney  
Course Superintendent



### *From the "NINES"*

Just want to invite any new lady members to our Opening Luncheon at the Player's Pub on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at 11:00 am. Cost \$8. Whether it's your first time, or just a little rusty, doesn't matter to us. Come on out and meet some new friends and play a little golf. Any questions you can give me a call. Sherry Holt (541) 955-6071

### *18-Hole Ladies*

- Welcome back to everyone -- travelers, new members, prospective members and the ones that have hung in here and played all winter! We're looking forward to an exciting year of golf.
- We invite all new members, or ladies interested in joining us to contact Cindy Nelson, membership chair, at 479-1912. Please plan to attend our first meeting on March 3 at 9:00 a.m. -- a scramble will follow the meeting. Sign up in the locker room.
- The Women's Club has donated \$2500 toward the new water fountain on hole #11. \$1500 came from the Women's Club and \$1000 came from the Cave Country Classic tournament last year. Great going ladies!
- One of our goals this year is to help beautify our golf course; there will be a work party on **April 5** for all members -- bring your gloves, tools and enthusiasm. The women will be working on the flower beds. More details about this at the March 3rd meeting. Men are also welcome!

## **G.P. GOLF CLUB SENIORS**

The Grants Pass Golf Club Men's Senior tournaments begin Friday, March 12th at 9am. Tournaments are scheduled for the second Friday of every month, through October. They will begin at 8:30am except the March and October ones, which start at 9am. The price is \$50 (please pay the pro shop when you sign up and make checks payable to Grants Pass Seniors). You must be 50 years of age or older and in good standing as a member of the G.P.G.C. We had 73 members last year and hope for even more players for 2010.

The only change from last year's format is with three-somes during a scramble. If a three-some consists of an A, B, and C player, they will all be required five drives (no extra shot will be played for the missing person). If a three-some has a D player, he will only be required four drives.

If you have any questions, please call Ray Sandoe at 955-4983 or Blair Smith at 479-1602. We are looking forward to seeing all of last year's members again and many new ones!

### **Upcoming Events Continued:**

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>** begins the **2010 Men's Twilight League** and it's not too early to reserve your 4-man team spot in this very popular weekly summer league. Feel free to query the golf shop for information or contact Ryan Schaffer @ 541.660.5201 to register your team. Get in the summer swing and register your team for the 2010 Men's Twilight League today!

## **Great Shots**

Ryan Melnychuck had a Hole-in-One on hole # 2 from 140 yards with an 8 iron back on October 2nd  
(2nd one in a month! Way to go Ryan!!!)

## **Membership Initiatives**

Just a quick note to let you know your Membership Committee and Club Management are working together on some great new membership initiatives to roll out this spring. Membership at Grants Pass Golf Club is a great thing and our 2010 plan will be ready for presentation shortly. Look for updates to follow soon!

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Rob Androy, Mike Buschke, Denny Curle,  
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