



TEE to GREEN NEWS

Welcome New Members

David & Susan Krauss 441-3107

So Long Old Members

Frank Monnot

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from your President

I am pleased to announce that we have a great selection of candidates this year to fill the open Board positions. A big thank you goes to Cindy Nelson and her Nominating Committee for a job well done. Look for your Ballot in the last half of November.

Kevin DeForest
President

The fall aerification project went well this year and thank you for your patience during these two weeks.

The Annual Meeting will be on Tuesday, December 9th at 7pm. In the next newsletter we will remind you and you will receive an invitation with your ballot.

Kevin DeForest

AN EVENT IS COMING

WHEN: Monday - November 17th starting @ 5 pm

WHAT EVENT???? Candidates Forum / Monday Night Football Social

IS THERE FOOD?? Wow, is there!! Rob is really knocking himself out! A Mexican Buffet for only \$6 if tickets are pre-purchased in the pro shop by November 14th (\$8.00 after the 14th). Please purchase tickets as early as possible to allow Rob time for planning.

There will be a football pool and plenty of opportunity to get to know our Board candidates so you can be an informed voter.

NOTE: It isn't mandatory to eat but we sure hope you will. Treat yourself to a very economical evening out and show the candidates we're an active club interested in their thoughts and the future of the club. The candidate question and answer period will begin between 6:30 pm & 7:00 pm.



From the Pro Shop

Well as I sit here at my desk to write this article the course aerification is complete and we are back to playing our course again. During aerification the tee times were difficult and I want to thank everyone for being so understanding during this time.

We have a new policy for Demo Clubs that will make it easier to keep track of all our demos:

All Demo clubs must be returned the same day they are checked out. Members may get approval from the Head Golf Professional to keep clubs for a longer time.

Members may check out demo clubs for up to 24 hours. With the approval of the Head Golf Professional Members may keep demo clubs for up to one week. If the club(s) is not returned within one week the Members' account will be charged the retail price of the club(s). Non-members must present a Driver's License and Credit Card in order to check out demo clubs. Non-Members will return all demo clubs the same day they are checked out.

For all cart riders and drivers please make note of the cart rules. (Green, Yellow and Red Flag) As we get into the rainy months we need to be very careful not to damage the course.

The Turkey Triathlon is scheduled for Sunday November 2nd with a 10:00am Shotgun start. We have two divisions Men's and Mixed, please find a team and sign up as this events is one of our most popular of the year.

The Annual Bandon Dunes trip is scheduled for January 27 – 29; we have space for 22 members. If you are interested in this event contact the pro shop, and we will let you know all the details. This trip fills up very fast and everyone who attends has a great time.

We hope to see everyone at the Christmas Party this year on December 6th, the shop will be filled with many specials and a lot of sale items just in time for X-mas.

We look forward to seeing you out on the links.

***Birdies forever,
Kent***

BOARD SUPPORTS RECOMMENDATIONS OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

On Thursday, October 9th, the Board supported the recommendation of the 2008 nominating committee to place six candidates on the ballot to fill the two Board vacancies created with the expired terms of John Spetter and Kevin DeForest. The approved candidates are: Tom Jarvis, Paul Biddle, Andy Dalisa, Hector Zepada, Jeff Hunter and Mike Buschke. While members will only be casting November ballots to fill 2 three year openings, the candidate with the third highest number of votes will fill the one year unexpired term created when Braymer Neville resigned to relocate out of the area.

An opportunity to get to know the candidates and their philosophies regarding the golf club will be provided at a forum to be held on Monday, November 17th in the clubhouse dining room (see ad on page 1 of this newsletter for details). Members are encouraged to attend to support the club and it's Board.

Thanks is expressed to the 2008 Nominating Committee comprised of Carole Davis, Mike Forshay, Dick Tyler, Dave Koch, and Cindy Nelson as well as Linda Dietz who served as a representative from the current Board and Judy Ano who offered ongoing support throughout the process.

from your Superintendent

The fall has come and with it we feel the first days of frost. In mid October the temperatures dropped down to 30 degrees; it seems a little early for those kind of lows. Well its just one way Mother Nature is reminding us that winter is not to far away.

The project list has been getting done. A major project was recently completed — the aerification of greens, tees, and fairways. The process took 10 days but it may be shorter with a different schedule. We will talk more about this in our next letter. The greens were done Monday and Tuesday. We use a deep drill machine

called Floyd-McKay drill Aerofier on the older greens as well as the standard core aerifying we do. This machine has a 4 by 5 foot platform with 10” ¾” concrete drill bits on a 4” spacing. This allows air to be created where it normally is a hard pan of material. It also helps roots grow deeper, and the movement of sand down to that depth creates a better profile. This promotes turf health as well as helps with the drainage of these greens that had no drainage to begin with. We have been doing this for eight years now. We started doing it spring and fall; now the results have been good enough to just do it in the fall. We do not do this on our newer USGA built greens.

The fairways were aerified for the first time by Pacific Sports Turf from Portland. They have been doing this kind of work for over 10 years on golf course and sports fields. They aerified the back fairways on one Wednesday and the front the following Wednesday. They also assisted in the picking of the plugs. We then sanded, overseeded and dragged in the sand. The process went very well; their machines were fast and efficient. It allowed us to get to the sanding, over seeding and dragging faster. We feel the entire golf course could be done in five days if we could close the course all at once. It could save some money. We have opened up the forward tee on nine so people can par this hole easier. If that happens let us know. Until then enjoy the fall golf season.



John Delaney
Course Superintendent

Thanks from your Maintenance Crew



Fall Aerifying



Fall Drilling

Great Shots for September & October

Bob Cameron eagled hole # 18 with a 52° wedge on September 23rd.

Dan Mindolovich eagled hole #1 — on in 2 and made the putt!! on September 28th.

Walter Watson shot 86 which is 4 less than his age (90 years old) on October 14th

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