

MISSOULA COUNTRY CLUB

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NEWSLETTER OF THE MISSOULA COUNTRY CLUB



MANAGER'S MEMOS

BY RON SVIEN



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Brad Dantic Disciplinary
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Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Bar Service Hours

Sunday through Wednesday
11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Thursday, Friday & Saturday
11 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Lunch Service Hours

Tuesday through Saturday
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Dinner Service Hours

Thursday, Friday & Saturday
4 p.m. – 9 p.m.

A mild winter and an early spring it is! The course reopened for play with regulation greens in use on St. Paddy's Day and riding carts were employed by March 20. The course looks very good overall and we are starting to see significant play. Tom and crew are planning to charge the irrigation system during the first week in April and the grass will begin to green up soon thereafter.

Dawn Palmer is busy with her annual spring planting program, and the crew is also busy procuring landscape improvements to the front of the clubhouse. We are also developing a putting green in the large grass area by the flag pole adjacent to the parking lot. This putting surface should be ready for use by May 1.

At the time of this writing 36 new members have joined our Club. Pretty impressive when you consider the Membership Drive has only been in effect for 45 days! The Membership Committee has done a fabulous job and should be congratulated. They are: Bob Tutskey - Chairman, Mike Peissig, Chris Martinson, Bob Knapp, Kay McLaughlin, Roger McLaughlin and Shauna Ginter. The Membership Committee has also scheduled a New Member Get-Together for Sunday, April 25. This event will begin @ 1:00 PM with a New Member Orientation Meeting, 9-Hole Fun Event Golf @ 2:00 PM, Hors d'oeuvres and Wine Tasting @ 4:00 PM. An announcement flyer will be mailed and e-mailed during the first week of April.

The Clubhouse Improvement Project ballots were tabulated on the evening of March 31. A total of 252 ballots were received of which 196 members voted to rescind and discontinue the Clubhouse Improvement Project, and 56 members voted to affirm and continue the Clubhouse Improvement Project.

Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 9, 2010

Two Seatings ~ 10 AM and 1 PM

Carved Prime Rib Au jus

Pan Seared Orange Scallops

Chilled Shrimp and Spicy Cocktail Sauce

Country Potatoes, Sausage and Bacon

Club Scrambled Eggs w/Cheese, Designer Omelet Bar

Caesar Salad, Apple Waldorf Salad, Cucumber and Tomato Salad

Fresh Seasonal Fruit, Assorted Breads

Imported and Domestic Cheese Board

Fresh Seasonal Vegetables

Blueberry Lemon Brioche French Toast w/Assorted Syrups

Mother's Day Pastry Table

Champagne, Coffee, Tea, Milk, Assorted Juices, Punch Bowl

Adults \$26 ~ Children 6-12 \$12.00 ~ Children under 7 \$6.00

Plus Gratuity @ 18%

Reservations are Limited to 80 People per Seating ~ Call 251-2404

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY ALLEN PICKENS

Planning to Succeed

At the Annual Meeting in December the membership votes on a budget for the succeeding calendar year. The budget is but a plan or guide which management is asked to implement. However, the plan cannot succeed without membership active participation.

This year's budget anticipated 400 golfing and 50 social members. We began the calendar year with 389 golfing and 49 social members. Up stepped the Membership Committee. They drew up a plan to allow us to meet and, perhaps, surpass our membership goals. At the time of this writing we are at 425 golfing and 50 social members. The new members offer not only financial support but new blood to make MCC a more enjoyable experience.

A debt of gratitude goes to the Membership Committee for a job well done. Also, to each member who helped to spread the word we offer thanks. Let's not stop here. The drive for new members continues throughout the year. Further, the

budget is a twelve month plan.

Also, the new Bylaws Committee has been meeting regularly to draft changes required by State Law and an evolving environment. In the not-too-distant future you will be asked to review and vote on the proposed changes.

By the time you read this newsletter we will have the results of the membership vote on the Clubhouse Project. The outcome will guide your Board and various Committees into the future. Thank you for sharing your thoughts and actively participating in this important vote.



ACER of the Month
Tim Tiffin
Hole #12
155 Yards – 5 Iron
March 20, 2010

Missoula Country Club 2010 Golf Course Tournament Schedule

April	9	Friday	High School Invitational – course opens @ 2:00 PM
April	17	Saturday	High School Fundraiser – course Opens @ 2:00 PM
April	19	Monday	MCC Greens Aeration ½" Tine (weather dependant)
April	22	Thursday	MCC Men's League Dinner
April	27	Tuesday	MCC Women's League Play Begins
April	29	Thursday	MCC Men's League Play Begins
May	5	Wednesday	MCC Women's Day Play Begins
May	7	Friday	Chamber of Commerce Tournament – course opens @ 3:00 PM
May	9	Sunday	MCC Mother's Day Tournament – play not affected
May	29 -31	Sat- Mon	MCC Barnett Memorial – course opens on MON. @ 7:00 PM
June	9	Wednesday	MCC Ladies' Mixed PRO/AM – course opens @ 1:00 PM
June	12-13	Sat-Sun	MCC Member-Member Tournament – course opens @ 2:00 PM
June	16	Wednesday	MCC Junior Lessons Begin
June	20	Sunday	MCC Father's Day Tournament – play not affected
June	21	Monday	MCC PRO/AM – course opens @ 4:00 PM
June	23	Wednesday	MCC WGA Guest Day – course opens @ 2:30 PM
June	26	Saturday	Montana Rail Link Tournament – course opens @ 2:30 PM
July	10-11	Sat-Sun	MCC Club Championship – course opens @ 2:00 PM
July	16-17	Fri-Sat	MCC Men's Invitational – course opens SAT. @ 3:00 PM
July	23	Friday	MCC Junior Tournament – course opens @ 11:30 AM
July	30	Friday	MCC Progressive Dinner – front nine closed @ 5:30 PM
August	4	Wednesday	MCC Helen Tremper Ladies' Invitational – course opens @ 3:00 PM
August	9	Monday	Missoula Junior Tour – course opens @ 12 Noon
August	13	Friday	Allegiance Insurance Tournament – course opens @ 3:00 PM
August	21-22	Sat-Sun	MCC Couples Chapman Tournament – course opens @ 2:30 PM
August	27	Friday	Lutheran Social Services Tournament – course opens @ 2:30 PM
Sept.	17	Friday	Grizzly Roundball Tournament – course opens @ 6:30 PM
Sept.	20	Monday	MCC Greens Aeration ½" Tine (weather dependant)

PRO SHOP

BY SKIP KOPRIVICA,
PGA GOLF PROFESSIONAL AND STAFF



The golf season is officially here at The Missoula Country Club! The course looks like it came through the winter great, and we look forward to a great 2010 season.

We opened the course for full play on March 17. Don Oliver was the first member to play the front nine on permanent greens,

and Bob Stage was the first member to play the back nine on permanent greens. The first foursome to play permanent greens was Mark Denton, John Velk, Ross Gibson and Bryce Bondurant.

Merchandise is arriving daily with a nice selection of clothing, shoes, golf equipment, and miscellaneous items. Our prices are equal to or better than the discount stores. We offer professional club fitting and will fit you for any brand of club you desire. We offer fitting through the Callaway Optifit System. We sell new and used golf carts as well as cart batteries. We offer bag storage with a fee of \$70 for the year, which includes keeping your bag at the Club and cleaned after each time the clubs are used. And, for those who keep their bags here over the winter, we place a plastic cover over each bag.

Upcoming events for April include the High

School Invitational April 9 and the 19th annual High School Fundraiser on Saturday, April 17. Over the past 18 years the H.S. Fundraiser has raised over \$400,000 for the four Missoula schools. We would like to thank the Missoula Country Club and all the members for allowing the Club to host this event! We offer individual private lessons and series of lessons, contact either Skip or Connor.

League play starts towards the end of April beginning with the Men's League dinner on Thursday, April 22. Men's league is scheduled to begin play the following Thursday, April 29. On Tuesday, April 27, we will kick off our ladies' league season. Also, junior lessons will begin Wednesday evenings starting June 16. Registration forms will be in the May and June statements.

Attention Members: Please have one person check in with the Pro Shop before teeing off to give us the names of those playing in your group. It is our responsibility to maintain the tee sheet with everyone's name that is playing. This also helps us find a member on the course in case of an emergency. Thank you for your cooperation!

We would like to congratulate Tim Tiffin for his hole in one March 20 on hole number 12. We look forward to seeing everyone out playing and enjoying the start of the 2010 golf season!

Skip Koprivica, Connor Sproull and staff

MISSOULA COUNTRY CLUB – RULES AND REGULATIONS

2. Reserve Period Rules

During the period between the start and end of Men's and Ladies' league play, the following rules regarding golf course utilization shall apply:

- (a) Tuesday - Ladies' Day - Men and children must be off the course by 5:00 p.m. Men will be allowed to use the Clubhouse and practice area until 8:00 p.m. Men and children will be allowed to use the pool until 9:00 p.m. Driving range is reserved for Ladies' League from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- (b) Thursday - Men's Day - Women and children must be off the course by 5:00 PM. Women will be allowed to use the Clubhouse and practice area until 8:00 PM. Women and children will be allowed to use the pool until 9:00 PM. Driving range is reserved for Men's League from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- (c) Friday - Weather permitting, the front nine will be cleared and closed at 6:00 PM for Couples Play. The newsletter will announce and signs will be posted in the Golf Shop.
- (d) During this period groups teeing off are limited to no more than five players or at the discretion of the Golf Professional.

A LA CARTE

BY RICHARD KOLENDA,
EXECUTIVE CHEF



For thousands of years, herbs have been used in myriad of ways. Their taste, smell and healing properties have made them integral to the home, whether they are used in beauty products, taken to fight illness, or simply added to enhance the flavor of food. While shakers of the dried variety will do in a pinch, there's nothing quite like fresh herbs to add character and flavor to recipes. Luckily, growing your own herbs is easy, so test your green thumb.

The key is to have your herb garden close to where you are cooking. So plant your favorites for everyday use in four or five pots either inside or outside on the kitchen patio so you can get them quickly. They will fit snugly in a window, so make sure there is enough sun and exposure to light in general. Another plus for growing herbs in containers is that they need little weeding and can be moved easily and brought inside if the weather turns chilly. Basil is great and requires cool sun and consistent day/night temperatures in the 50s. Two plantings a month apart will guarantee a steady supply for your salads and

sautés. Chives are a perennial and are easy to grow from seed or plant. It prefers a moderate climate with cool sun and generates delicious flowers you can toss into your salads. Chopped chives can complement the flavors of cheese, eggs, rice and potato dishes, with its delicate onion flavor.

Cilantro is a cool loving herb – plant in the spring for summer and plant in the summer for fall. It is an annual, so you have to plant it each year. Dill has a fresh wonderful flavor. It is a cool-season annual and tastes delicious sprinkled over grilled or poached salmon, with veggie dishes and in salads. Parsley is another cool season herb, which grows easily from seed. Fresh parsley tastes much sweeter than store bought. The Italian flat leaf variety is the best sprinkled over pasta, potatoes, vegetables or salad for a flavor boost. Thyme is easy to grow from either seed or plant and loves full sun. This staple of classic Mediterranean cuisines, pairs well with lemon, basil, garlic and parsley. These herbs can be dried for later use in the winter by hanging in a dry place, so get planting!



MCC DIRECTORY CHANGES

NEW

Beach, Scott (Shannon) B
Cindrich, Patrick (Nancy) B
Cloninger, Dirk (Becky) R
Coghlan, John (Wendy) R
Cooper, Dirk (Carol) B
Dunn, Mike R
Fero, Chad (Andrea) R
Heaphy, Ike (Carrie) R
Henderson, Roger R
Holland, Tracy (Raymond DiPasquale) A
Hudson, Mike (Sandra) R
Keener, Meagan (Michael) A
King, Bob (Lisa) R
Lockman, Clem (Jamie) R
Lukes, Robert (Shannon) R
Lynn, Ray (Carol DeGuire) R
MacDonald, Terry (Alyssa) R
McHugh, Stephen (Mary) R
Martin, Mike (Allison) R
Moe, Dan R
Nelson, Bill (Suzy Berry) R
Pallante, Bruce (Kaye) R
Palmer, Scott (Teresa) R

Peterson, Scott (Beckie) R
Pierce, Delno (Julie) B
Segerstrom, David (Boni Braunbeck) R
Seidl, John "Mick" (Marie) R
Steele, Cody (Kendra) R
Stevens, James (Julie Armstrong) B
Thompson, Ryan R
University Motors BS (Tracy Hubbard)
Webber, Doug (Nancy Winslow) R

Changes

Kulbeck, Noel R
Springer, Mark R
Weaver, Bill/Weaver Development, LLC B

Resigned

Larsen, Dan (Heidi Brott)

MEMBERSHIP STATUS AS OF 3/24/10

PLAYING MEMBERSHIPS	425	(450 max.)
REGULAR	345	
BUSINESS	66	(80 max.)
ASSOCIATE	14	(40 max.)
NON RESIDENT	15	(25 max.)
SOCIAL	50	(120 max.)
BUSINESS SOCIAL	3	(20 max.)

TOM'S TURF TALK

BY TOM RUSSELL
GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT



MCC opened its regular greens on St. Patrick's Day for the earliest opening in years. Conditions change rapidly in 3 weeks during the spring, but I will report on spring conditions at this time. All greens have wintered fairly well, however, the shaded areas on the Practice Green, Hole #4 and Hole #13 green are slower to initiate growth.

The right front of #1 green was very weak all last year and a decision was made to correct this problem early, so we resodded the front right portion of this green the day before we opened for play. Standing water is never a positive on a golf course and we have sustained some damage in the lower areas; however, the fairways are looking better each day. When the extent of the damage is known, reseeding will take place as soon as soil temperatures allow.

The cart path project scheduled for this spring looks like it will be postponed until fall. Conditions did not allow for construction over the winter. The options were to go later in the spring or wait until fall. Like the tee project, the course is busier in the spring than the fall and weather is normally more dependable. Large projects opened up early in other parts of the state for the contractor, so spring is very tight for them as well.

Bunkers will be completed by the time we go to print. The last bunker removed will be resodded and all bunkers have been topped with sand to the proper depth. Playability and maintenance will be enhanced by this '09 fall and '10 spring project. The following bunkers were also removed: Hole #3 left greenside bunker, Hole #5 back right greenside

bunker, Hole #9 fairway bunker, and Hole #12 back right (small circle) greenside bunker. These bunkers mainly affected higher handicap golfers and were under messy trees, which created loose impediment issues in a hazard. The bunker on 12 had virtually zero traffic.

Arborist Jim Gaouette has left the Club for a new challenge and experience in Kodiak, Alaska. Jim took tremendous pride in his work, and I would like to thank him for his years of service to MCC. We sincerely wish him the best in his new endeavors. The remainder of the staff has returned or will be back soon. Questions or Comments: mccgreens@gmail.com or (406) 241-6031.

Restaurant & Bar Lounge Hours of Operation – April 2010

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

Lunch Service 11 am to 4 pm / Bar Service 11 am to 8 pm

Thursday, Friday & Saturday

Lunch Service 11 am to 4 pm
Dinner Service 4 pm to 9 pm / Bar Service 11 am to 9 pm

Friday "Happy Days" – 4 pm to 7 pm

Libations Special - Two (2) for the price of One (1) on Selected Beverages!
Bar Lounge Appetizers will also be available for purchase.

Friday, April 2 • Friday, April 9'
Friday, April 16 • Friday, April 23

I'M ALRIGHT



By Carl Spackler

NEWS FLASH - Slow Play Causes E. D.

Researchers from the University of Montana reported that slow play during golf rounds may cause E. D. (Enjoyment Dissatisfaction)! This condition is not gender specific and may occur in either male or female golfers. If you get one lasting more than four hours, seek the help of a professional – a lesson with Skip or Connor may be prescribed. THE CURE...Play 18 Holes in 4 hours or less!

We have a beautiful course, and an awesome staff. Hopefully, we're on the verge of having some great weather to help us enjoy the first two. While I'm no proponent of slow play, I don't think golf is meant to be played like a race. The Mrs. recounts some stories of our occasional week-night rounds when we had three groups of ONE stacked up behind us, each impatiently revving their turbocharged golf carts in an attempt to play nine in under an hour.

It's important to remember that we're all at the club for the same reason – enjoyment. Not many of us will be on the leader board of any major tournaments. Take time to appreciate our great course, our blue Montana skies, and those you're playing with. Most importantly - Enjoy Life! Enjoy the Game!

Comments: cspackler@rocketmail.com

WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

NEWS FROM THE RED TEES

BY JEAN HANICH,
MCCWGA PRESIDENT

I do think Spring is finally here and it is time to dust off the clubs and start practicing golf. Some of us would rather play 18 holes and forget the practice – thus never getting any better! Oh well, golf is a social thing. With that in mind, League Play begins on April 27. Captains, be sure to get your team's roster in. Mail the registration forms to:

Ann Rausch or Kim Becker
4114 Spurgin Rd. 5255 Elk Ridge Rd.
Missoula, MT 59804 Missoula, MT 59802
880-2443 546-5510

If you don't have a team or want to be on the substitute list, let Ann or Kim know. League is a fun night out and a good way to meet people. WGA dues are \$35.00 and can be paid to:

Sandy Blair
4700 Goodan Lane
Missoula, MT 59808



L to R: Janet Donahue, Rae Lynn D'Angelo, Bonnie Snowden, Jean Hanich, Sandy Blair

WGA Day Play Kick-Off Breakfast Don't Miss it!!!

Days Play will kick off on Wednesday, May 5 with a breakfast at 8:00 a.m. followed by golf (weather permitting) at 9:15 a.m. Sign up in the Pro Shop



for this event or call Janet Donahue (543-6990) or Diane Sheridan (543-5424). **Please RSVP by April 30.**

Cost: \$12.50 per person (Inclusive)

See you on the course.

Sub List

Name _____ Phone _____

Mark One:

I would like to sub _____ I would like to be on a team _____

Tuesday Night League Team Registration (deadline April 15th)

Team Name _____ Team Captain _____ Phone _____

Player #1 _____ Phone _____

Player #2 _____ Phone _____

Player #3 _____ Phone _____

Player #4 _____ Phone _____

Player #5 _____ Phone _____

Other/Sub _____ Phone _____



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 11 am – 9 pm DINNER SERVICE	2 11 am – 9 pm HAPPY DAYS 4-7 DINNER SERVICE	3 11 am – 9 pm KIDS' EASTER PARTY 11-1 DINNER SERVICE
4 EASTER BRUNCH 9:30 AM & NOON Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm	5 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm	6 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm	7 PRIVATE LUNCHEON IN DINING ROOM Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm	8 11 am – 9 pm DINNER SERVICE	9 11 am – 9 pm HIGH SCHOOL INVITATIONAL COURSE OPENS @ 2:00 HAPPY DAYS 4-7 DINNER SERVICE	10 11 am – 9 pm DINNER SERVICE
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25 11 am – 9 pm NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION 1:00 PM DINNER SERVICE	26 11 am – 9 pm DINNER SERVICE	27 11 am – 8 pm MEN'S & WOMEN'S RULES ARE IN PLACE WOMENS LEAGUE PLAY BEGINS PRIVATE LUNCH IN MBL DINNER SERVICE	28 END OF MONTH BUFFET DINNER SERVICE	29 11 am – 8 pm MEN'S LEAGUE PLAY BEGINS DINNER SERVICE	30 11 am – 9 pm TWO PRIVATE DINNER FUNCTIONS MEMBER DINING AVAILABLE IN LOUNGE	1 11 am – 9 pm MAY DINNER SERVICE