

MISSOULA COUNTRY CLUB

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NEWSLETTER OF THE MISSOULA COUNTRY CLUB

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MANAGER'S MEMOS

BY RON SVIEN



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Pro Shop	251-2751
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Clubhouse Bar & Dining Room	251-2404
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Maintenance Building	549-4601

2008 Board of Directors

Barbara Dufour.....	President, House
Joe Johnston	V.P., Green, Eagle Fund
Janet Donahue....	Sec./Treas., Long-range Plan
Bob Knapp	Membership
John Dayries	Rules & Games
Allen Pickens.....	Finance
Mike McCourt.....	Bylaws

Staff

Ron Svien	General Manager
Skip Koprivica	PGA Golf Pro
Connor Sproull.....	Assistant PGA Golf Pro
Tom Russell	Superintendent
Scott Lennemann.....	Assistant Superintendent
Nick Marvin	Executive Chef
Brook Robison	Sous Chef
Sharon Jeszenka	Office Manager
Dayton Scott	Controller
Megan Suddaby.....	Food & Beverage Director

Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Bar Service Hours

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Thursday, Friday, Saturday
11 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Lunch Service Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Lunch & Dinner Service Hours

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday
11 a.m. – 9 p.m.

As we approach the end of the year one reflects back on the operation as it relates to progress that was made and areas that are still in need of improvement. When considering the current economic conditions our country is now experiencing, 2009 will be a pivotal year for the Missoula Country Club, and in order to work within the guidelines that have been set forth with next year's operating budget, many amendments and cutbacks have been implemented.

I have always been very goal oriented. Of course, having a goal means nothing unless a solid plan is put into place as achievement is never an accident...it is always the result of high intention, determined effort, and skillful execution. Yes, we do have a lot of work to accomplish this coming year, and our success will be determined by many factors. We will certainly need support from our membership by bringing guests to the Club, supporting Club events, and especially through New Member Promotion. Missoula Country Club has existed since 1916 and has seen tough economic times in the past. And now, more than ever, we must support and promote our Club...because every little bit will make a difference.

I want to thank and acknowledge the Employee Staff for their efforts throughout the year. Superintendent Tom Russell and the Maintenance Crew; Head Golf Professional Skip Koprivica and the Golf Staff; Food & Beverage Director Megan Suddaby, Executive Chef Nick Marvin, Sous Chef Brook Robison and Bar, Dining, and Kitchen Staffs; Maintenance Engineer Joe Marshall; Office Manager Sharon Jeszenka; Controller Dayton Scott.

I have very much enjoyed working with the Board of Directors and wish to thank them for their dedication and devotion to the Missoula Country Club....Barbara Dufour – President and House Chair, Joe Johnston – Vice President and Green Chair, Janet Donahue – Secretary/Treasurer and LRPC Chair, Bob Knapp – Membership Chair, John Dayries – Rules and Games Chair, Al Pickens – Finance Chair, Mike McCourt – Bylaws Chair.

Last, but certainly not least...Thank you, MCC Members for your support and best wishes for a blessed and joyous Holiday Season!!

**Missoula Country Club's Annual
Tom & Jerry Party**

**Sunday, December 7th
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

**~ Complementary ~
Appetizers, Tom & Jerry's
Hot Buttered Rum
& Spiced Wine**

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY BARBARA DUFOUR

Happy Holidays from the Missoula Country Club Board of Directors.

Come out to the Club and join in the festivities planned for December and into January and beyond. MCC will be sparkling with beautiful lights and decorations for the holidays. Look for inserts in the newsletter and email notices for the Tom & Jerry party, Children's Christmas party, and a great New Year's Eve event.

New Year's Eve will be a Montana "Party". Not

for those who cheer the New Year in with New York and are in bed by 10:30! The "Party" will start at 8:00 with substantial hor d'oeuvres, dancing to a DJ, champagne toast at midnight, and a full breakfast buffet.

In January and February another Crab Feast is planned – last year was so much fun! And, some of the decorations and lights will still be up.

Go Griz!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



MCC Children's Christmas Party

Sunday, December 14, 2008

\$5.00 PER CHILD + 18% GRATUITY

MAGIC SHOW & BALLOON ANIMALS ~

1:00 - 2:30 PM

SANTA ARRIVES ~ 2:30 PM



CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY TREATS BUFFET ~ 3:15 PM

~ MAC & CHEESE, CHICKEN STRIPS, FRIES, ASSORTED CAKES, PIES, ICE CREAM, BUBBLE GUM & OTHER HOLIDAY TREATS ~

Reservations are necessary: 251-2404

Adult Buffet & Soup/Salad Bar Will Be Available



All Missoula Country Club Children, Grandchildren, Friends, & Family are Welcome!

Please bring a wrapped present for your child & place child's name on the present.



Holiday Buffet Brunch

Sunday, December 21, 2008

10:30 am to 1:30 pm

Limited to 100 Reservations

Carved Roast Beef Au Jus

Joe's Special Scrambled Eggs

Omelet Bar, Ham, Bacon

Caesar Salad, Apple Waldorf Salad, Fresh Fruit

French Toast, Pastries, Muffins, Scones

Juice, Coffee, Tea, Milk

Adults - \$18.00 + 18% Gratuity

Children - \$10.00 + 18% Gratuity

Under 7 - \$6.00 + 18% Gratuity

Reservations: (406) 251-2404

msuddaby@missoulacountryclub.com

Restaurant & Bar - Hours of Operation

December 2008

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Lunch Service 11 am to 4 pm
Bar Service 11 am to 8 pm

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday
Lunch service 11 am to 4 pm
Dinner Service 4 pm to 9 pm
Bar Service 11 am to 9 pm

January / February 2009

Sunday & Monday
Clubhouse Closed – No Food & Beverage
Services Available

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

PRO SHOP

BY SKIP KOPRIVICA,
PGA GOLF PROFESSIONAL AND STAFF



The holiday season has come upon us quickly! The weather this fall has been unbelievable and has continued for as long as I can remember. The Pro Shop was open until November 23, which was extended this year due to the great weather!

The Pro Shop will be open for the holiday season beginning Friday, December 5, and will remain open daily through December 23 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Sunday's hours will be from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. and closed on Monday's. The Pro Shop will also be open Christmas Eve for a few hours. If the Grizzlies are still in the playoffs, the Pro Shop will be closed on those days.

We still have a variety of merchandise to choose

from along with great holiday sales to take advantage of! We also offer complimentary gift-wrapping. Remember to use Pro Shop credit by December 23. Pro Shop credit does not carry over to next year.

In last month's newsletter I thanked my staff and made a mistake not listing Akku Acharya. Akku has done a great job working for the Club in the bag room, and I want to thank him for his good job!

If anyone wants his or her last handicap cards for the season, they have been in the Pro Shop since November 1 and are still here ready to be picked up.

Thanks for such a wonderful 2008 season. This season has been a great year for golf at the Club. We would like to wish everyone a safe and joyful Holiday Season. We have a terrific country club, and what makes it so great are you, the members! Thank you for your support and friendship.

Skip Koprivica, Connor Sproull and Staff

Missoula Country Club

**Friday, January 23, 2009
and**

Friday, February 20, 2009

**No-Host Libations 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Buffet Dinner Service Begins @ 6:30 pm**

**Limited to 100 People Per Seating
\$40 Per Person Plus 18% Gratuity**

Crab Feed



Menu

Mixed Baby Green Salad, Assorted Dressings,
Tuscan Salad, Cucumber Tomato Salad,
Pasta Bar, Oregon Coast Fresh Cracked Crab,
Cocktail Sauce, Remoulade, Lemon Wedges,
Clarified Herb Butter, Le Petite Artisan Breads,
Assorted Cakes & Pies

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I'M ALRIGHT

By Carl Spackler



One time, many years ago, I caddied for the Dali Lama. When the round was finished he was going to stiff me, so I said "How about a little something, you know, for the effort?" He replied, there will be no money, but when you die, on your deathbed, you will receive total consciousness. After pondering this for many years, I think I've figured it out, and it is especially appropriate during the holidays. Don't give someone something stupid that they don't want!

I've talked to Victoria, and she told me her Secret. She got rich selling overpriced stuff to guys that most women don't really want. (This may not apply to the associate members with the hot young wives!) Men, this year, let's really put some thought into getting our ladies something that will be really special. And, if we tell you that we "don't want anything," we're lying. Of course we want something. Ladies, we need some input from you. If we don't know what we want, how could we possibly know what you want!

The holidays are a time for friends and family. My friends Tom & Jerry will be making their FREE annual appearance in the clubhouse, along with Jack, Jim and the Captain. I wish you a safe and joyous holiday season. Enjoy Life!

cspackler@rocketmail.com

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

BY MEGAN SUDDABY,
FOOD & BEVERAGE MANAGER

The holiday season is here, and we are ready for a busy December at the Missoula Country Club.

The annual MCC Tom & Jerry Party will be taking place Sunday, December 7, from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. This event is open to all Missoula Country Club members and their guests. We will be hosting the famous Meese Family's Tom & Jerry's, Hot Buttered Rum, MCC House-made Spiced Wine, and light appetizers. I would love to see the members use this event to enjoy the clubhouse in all its holiday decor, meet new members and catch up with old friends, all while enjoying warm beverages on us. Reservations are not needed.

We are excited to announce a new and improved MCC Kids' Christmas Party taking place on Sunday, December 14, at 1:00 p.m. This year's event will feature magic and excitement with Uncle Curly the clown, a special visit for each child from Santa himself, and the children's buffet full of holiday treats. The cost is \$5.00 plus 18% gratuity per child which includes all activity events and the children's buffet. A no-host adult buffet will also be available

for parents and grandparents to enjoy during the children's festivities. For more details, and to sign up your child, grandchild, or family friend, please contact the clubhouse at 251-2404. This is sure to be an event you won't want your child to miss!

Party 2008 away with New Year's Eve at the Missoula Country Club. The party starts at 8:00 p.m. with a gourmet appetizer buffet. Bring your dancing shoes because music by Aerial Maneuvers DJ starts at 9:00 p.m. and continues until midnight. We will have a complimentary champagne toast at midnight followed by a wonderful breakfast buffet. The cost is \$60.00 per person inclusive. For reservations and song requests for the evening contact Megan at 251-2404.

December is a wonderful month to come to the Club and enjoy a special dinner or your favorite warm beverage by the fireplace in the lounge. In order to ensure MCC members are able to fully utilize their clubhouse during the month of December, we will be serving dinner on Sunday evenings from *(continued on page 6)*

New Years Eve 2008

Wednesday, December 31

Heavy Appetizers ~ 8:00 pm

Assorted Deviled Eggs, Pork Sliders, Mini Baked Potatoes with Blue Cheese & Bacon, Pesto Stuffed Cherry Tomatoes, Marinated Flank Skewers, Pear & Gorgonzola Pita, Prosciutto Wrapped Melon, Antipasto Platter

Dancing - Aerial Maneuvers DJ 9:00 pm-12 Midnight

Hosted Champagne Toast ~ 12 Midnight

Buffet Breakfast ~ 12:15 am

Ham / Bacon / Sausage, Home Fried Potatoes, Pancakes with assorted toppings, Grits, Biscuits & Gravy, Fresh Fruit Platter, Le Petit Scones, Juice & Coffee

\$60.00/Person

Inclusive



TOM'S TURF TALK

BY TOM RUSSELL
GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT



The irrigation system upgrade to electric control approved by the Eagle fund committee and the membership is in full swing. The project involves plowing wire to each sprinkler from a controller, excavating each sprinkler, replacing the sprinkler with an electric actuated valve in head sprinkler,

connecting the wiring, and backfilling the sprinkler. Scott Owen Irrigation is plowing the wire and MCC staff is completing the rest. At this printing the front 9 is completed. Wire has been installed in the driving range and work is progressing on the back 9. Scott Owen is doing a wonderful job, and our crew has performed admirably. This is hard, back

breaking work, dealing with tree roots and rocky soil. The project is shutting down for four days over Thanksgiving allowing a well deserved rest.

The artificial teeing surface on the driving range tee will be installed during the off season as well

The last fungicide application on greens was applied on November 24. The greens will be aerated and topdressed when weather permits. Today, November 25, greens are too frozen to aerate. Regular greens are now closed for the season because of this aeration. The aeration holes will be left open to allow air under the ice to help prevent winter ice damage. Later in December number 6 green will be covered.

The green committee has an email address for questions and comments. It is mccgreens@gmail.com.

Please call with questions or comments. My cell number is 241-6031.

Happy Holidays, Tom Russell

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4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Each Sunday during the month of December is reserved for Missoula Country Club members and their guests to enjoy lunch, dinner, or drinks in the lounge, dining room, or Miller Barber Library. This should help when areas of the clubhouse are unavailable during other evenings. Please check your MCC calendar before coming out to dine at the Club on any other evening.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Tom & Jerry Party, Kids' Christmas Party, or dining with their families and friends during the Holiday season. I am always available to answer questions regarding member dining times during the month of December and appreciate hearing feedback and comments about your MCC dining experience. To each and every family, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

MCC DIRECTORY CHANGES

NEW

Strahs, Robert (Susan) S
21537 Polette Pl., Florence 59833 273-4754

CHANGES

Gibson, Matt (Renie Hall (DSG)) R

RESIGNED

Joe Kesler – Business
Maxine Searles – Regular
Gordon Spring – Regular
Gary Walden – Regular
George Shelby – Non-Resident
Mike Callaghan – Social
Dave Diggs – Social
Betty Lohn – Social
John Roberts - Social

Brian Bovee – Trial
Andrew Haycook - Trial
Susan Langley - Trial
Curt McGinness - Trial
Phillip Olson - Trial
Mike Ramos - Trial
Wade Sellers – Trial
Allen Wold - Trial

MEMBERSHIP STATUS AS OF 11/17/08

PLAYING MEMBERSHIPS	416	(450 max.)
REGULAR	335	
BUSINESS	59	(80 max.)
ASSOCIATE	22	(40 max.)
NON RESIDENT	18	(25 max.)
SOCIAL	60	(120 max.)
BUSINESS SOCIAL	7	(20 max.)

WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

NEWS FROM THE RED TEES

BY SHARI LINJALA,
MCCWGA PRESIDENT

LADIES FALL LUNCHEON

Rosemary Hubbard and Bonnie Snowden hosted the Ladies Fall Luncheon, which was held on November 5. Gigi Flatow narrated a style show featuring fashions from Coldwater Creek, and the ladies enjoyed Karen Walden's beautiful display of petit de tout jewelry and accessories. A mixed green salad, beef stew and apple crisp were served. Thank you, Rosemary and Bonnie for your work on this lovely event.



Bonnie Snowden &
Rosemary Hubbard



Jane Dennison &
Arlene Breum



Sue Hadnot &
Anne Carlson



Evie Kougioulis &
Sarah Towle



Shirle Gray &
Linda Gray



Lani Tabish &
Ann Loughlin



Alice Roemer &
Nadine Newman



Norma Rossignal &
Lonnie Warner



Ginny Thane &
Caryl Klein



Marilyn Sullivan &
Dee Butorac



Hannah Fox &
Diane Sheridan



Jane Becker &
Monica Becker



Sandy Barney &
Lynda Hober



Barbara Dufour &
Joanne Robbins



THANK YOU!!!

I'd like to extend a sincere thank you to my wonderful board and all the committee chairs who helped to make this such a great year for the Women's Golf Association. These members include: Bonnie Snowden, Penny Ritchie, Patsy O'Keefe, Jo Smith, Kerri Flaig, Jean Hanich, Maxine Searles, Peggy Kane, Judy Gilman, Kate Joyce, Marianne Crippen, Kim Becker, Rosemary Hubbard, Hannah Fox, Shauna Ginter, Carol Key, Dee Butorac, Marcia Reimers, Jan Peissig, Beth Loehnen and Carol Van Valkenburg. Thanks also to the Twisted Sisters and those ladies who volunteered during the Helen Tremper Invitational and on other occasions.

Shari Linjala



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm Bar Service 10 am-8 pm	2 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm Bar Service 11 am-8 pm	3 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm Bar Service 11 am-8 pm	4 11 am - 9 pm PRIVATE DINNER IN DINING ROOM DINING AVAILABLE IN LOUNGE	5 11 am - 9 pm	6 11 am - 9 pm PRIVATE EVENING FUNCTIONS NO MEMBER DINING AVAILABLE
7 11 am-9 pm TOM & JERRY PARTY 4-7 P.M. OPEN FOR DINNER	8 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm Bar Service 10 am-8 pm	9 PEO LUNCHEON DINING AVAILABLE IN LOUNGE	10 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm Bar Service 11 am-8 pm	11 11 am - 9 pm PRIVATE DINNER FUNCTION IN MILLER BARBER LIBRARY	12 11 am - 9 pm PRIVATE FUNCTION DINING AVAILABLE IN LOUNGE	13 11 am - 9 pm PRIVATE EVENING FUNCTIONS DINING AVAILABLE IN MILLER BARBER LIBRARY
14 11 am-9 pm KIDS' CHRISTMAS PARTY 1:00 P.M. OPEN FOR DINNER	15 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm Bar Service 10 am-8 pm	16 PEO LUNCHEON DINING AVAILABLE IN LOUNGE	17 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm Bar Service 10 am-8 pm ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:00 P.M.	18 11 am - 9 pm PRIVATE DINNER FUNCTION IN MILLER BARBER LIBRARY	19 11 am - 9 pm PRIVATE FUNCTION DINING AVAILABLE IN MILLER BARBER LIBRARY	20 11 am - 9 pm PRIVATE FUNCTION DINING AVAILABLE IN LOUNGE
21 11 am-9 pm HOLIDAY BUFFET BRUNCH 10:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M. OPEN FOR DINNER	22 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm Bar Service 10 am-8 pm	23 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm Bar Service 11 am-8 pm	24 CLOSED	25 CLOSED	26 CLOSED	27 11 am - 9 pm PRIVATE DINNER FUNCTION IN MILLER BARBER LIBRARY
28 11 am-9 pm OPEN FOR DINNER	29 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm Bar Service 10 am-8 pm	30 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm Bar Service 11 am-8 pm	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY 8:00 PM	1 11 am - 9 pm JANUARY CLOSED	2 11 am - 9 pm	3 11 am - 9 pm
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