

# MISSOULA COUNTRY CLUB

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NEWSLETTER OF THE MISSOULA COUNTRY CLUB



# MANAGER'S MEMOS

BY RON SVIEN



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Ron Svien ..... General Manager  
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Dayton Scott ..... Contoller  
Melissa Nordberg ..... Food and Beverage  
Manager  
Sean Ehlert ..... Head Chef

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### BAR SERVICE HOURS

Sunday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

### LUNCH SERVICE HOURS

Sunday, Monday, Wednesday 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### DINNER SERVICE HOURS

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Financial Perspective: Through April 30, 2011, Bar/Dining reflects a Net Ordinary Income (NOI) Profit of \$ 9,074 as compared to a loss of (\$21,954) in 2010 – a betterment of \$31,028. The improvement in the Bar/Dining operation is a result of many factors, including last year's course closure and a major revamp of this department. We have a very good Bar/Dining staff in place, and I want to thank them for their efforts, especially Food & Beverage Manager Melissa Nordberg, and Chef Sean Ehlert!

Course Conditions: I can't say enough about Tom Ask and his crew, as the golf course has been restored to the very finest conditions, and truly is one of the great courses in Montana and the Pacific Northwest – FANTASTIC JOB!

Missoula Country Club has joined the Private Club Network (PCN), which provide an opportunity for our Regular, Business and Associate Members to play various PCN associate Clubs throughout the country for a very minimal fee. Our membership becomes effective in early June and we will be providing the membership with the exact program information very soon. Should you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

Congratulations to Maggie Crippen and Tom Swanson, who both won individual State Class B High School State Championship Titles in May! See articles located elsewhere in this publication.

Several members have inquired about the use of MCC's facilities when we are hosting an outside tournament. Use of the practice facilities – Putting Green, Triangle Short Game Area and the Driving Range, are always permitted once tournament play begins. The Clubhouse will always be open for food & beverage service until tournament play has concluded. All remaining outside tournaments are shotgun events and will begin between 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM. Please call the Pro Shop to verify beginning and ending times for these events.

## Missoula Country Club 2011 Remaining Tournament and Event Schedule

June	7	Tuesday	Petroleum Marketers Tournament
June	8	Wednesday	Ladies' Mixed Pro-Am
June	11 & 12	Sat & Sun	Member-Member Tournament
June	15	Wednesday	Junior Lessons Begin
June	22	Wednesday	WGA Guest Day
June	25	Saturday	Montana Rail Link Tournament
June	27	Monday	Men's Pro-Am
July	9 & 10	Sat & Sun	MCC Club Championship
July	15 & 16	Fri & Sat	Men's Invitational
July	22	Friday	MCC Junior Tournament
July	29	Friday	Jim Murray Tournament
August	3	Wednesday	Helen Tremper Ladies Invitational
August	5	Friday	Western Montana Pro Assistants
August	12	Friday	Allegiance Tournament
August	19, 20, 21	Fri-Sat-Sun	Couples Chapman
August	26	Friday	Lutheran Tournament
September	4-5	Sun & Mon	Garden City Cup Team Competition
September	16	Friday	Montana Roundball Tournament
September	19	Monday	Fall Aeration

## Maggie Crippen – State Class B High School Champion

HUNTLEY - A band of experienced and decorated golfers loomed in the distance, but Maggie Crippen didn't flinch. The sophomore from Loyola Sacred Heart was unflappable.

Crippen again shot 4 over-par during Wednesday's final round to secure the State B girls golf crown at Pryor Creek Golf Course. Crippen led wire-to-wire, finishing with a two-round total of 152 to outlast the field by three strokes. With 11 pars and a magnificent eagle on No. 9, Crippen hung on to beat two-time reigning champion Haylee Folkvord of Three Forks.

Crippen's tourney long consistency (she fired back-to-back 76s) helped Loyola improve significantly from Day 1. The Breakers trailed Red Lodge for the team lead by four strokes entering Wednesday, but they shaved 10 shots off their score and came away with their first ever team title - a perfect send off for four seniors. With a 157 from third-place Kelsie Crippen and a 187 from 13<sup>th</sup> place

finisher Taylor Galiher, Loyola blew past the field by 19 strokes, surpassing Red Lodge by 23 shots in the final round.

The highlight of Crippen's victory came just before the turn on the 418 yard, par 5 ninth hole on Pryor Creek's Johnny Walker Course. Crippen recalled a conversation she had the night before about No. 9 with Loyola classmate and eventual State B champion Tom Swanson. Swanson, who placed second at last year's boys tournament at Pryor Creek, suggested to Crippen that she try to reach the green in two shots. "He told me to use my 3 wood on my second shot," Crippen said. "As I was standing over the ball I said, 'I have to try it.'" "What happened next was sheer excellence: Crippen's second shot landed roughly four feet from the pin, allowing her an easy tap-in putt for the first eagle of her young career. "That eagle was huge," Klein said. "And I think that really carried her into that back 9, and she finished strong."



### 2011 SWIM LESSON SCHEDULE

Signup with the Lifeguard Staff anytime during regular pool hours / 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM. Swim Lessons will be held from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM during each of the 5 Sessions. Lauren Morey is heading up our lifeguard staff this year.

#### SESSION 1

June 13 – 23

Signup May 28 – June 12

#### SESSION 2

June 27 – July 7

Signup June 13 – June 26

#### SESSION 3

July 11 – July 21

Signup June 27 – July 10



#### SESSION 4

July 25 – August 4

Signup July 11 – June 24

#### SESSION 5

August 8 – August 18

Signup July 25 – August 7

#### LESSON COSTS

Private (1 Child) \$75 Per

Two-Week Session /

Semi-Private (2 Children)

\$60 per Two-Week Session



### SWIMMING POOL SEASON

Due to the fact that many Missoula area schools will remain in session during the first two weeks of June, the pool will be closed on May 31 through June 3, and will reopen for the weekend on Saturday, June 4 at 12:00 Noon. The same schedule will be in effect for the following week – Pool closed June 6 through June 10 and will reopen for the remainder of the season on Saturday, June 11 at 11:00 AM. The pool season closing date is Tuesday, September 6.

### SWIMMING POOL FOOD SERVICE

MCC provides a regular pool menu from 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM. All charges will carry a standard 15% gratuity, which will be added to the total. No food from outside MCC is allowed.

# PRO SHOP

BY SKIP KOPRIVICA  
PGA GOLF PROFESSIONAL AND STAFF



The season is off to a fantastic start and we are looking forward to an exciting June. On May 24 we passed 5000 rounds played for the season. Currently, we are experiencing spectacular course conditions. Last year at this time the course was closed and did not reopen until June 6. I would like to thank Tom Ask, Scott Lennemann, and the entire Grounds Crew for their

dedicated hard work.

On May 6 we had 128 players golf in the Red Ripper Missoula Chamber of Commerce Tournament. The team of Tim Garden, Mark Glidewell, Jason Schaefer, and Jeff Hasskamp took the victory with a gross scramble score of 56. Lisa Buseman and Connor Panion won the Mother's Day Best Ball Tournament. Also, congratulations to Tom Swanson and Maggie Crippen for winning the Montana Class B Golf Tournament.

Six Members recorded Aces during the month of May and are listed below – CONGRATULATIONS!

We have organized Home and Home Matches with Eagle Bend and the Ranch Club. Dates of matches run every Wednesday from June 15 to July 6. Spots are limited to the first 12 entries in this net, one-on-one match play format. This is a great way to play some

competitive, inexpensive golf at some of Western Montana's finer courses. Please stop by the Pro Shop for more details. Also, the Garden City Cup will take place here at the Missoula Country Club over Labor Day Weekend. 12 Players from Missoula Country Club will face 12 opponents from six surrounding golf courses in Ryder Cup match play format. Qualification for our members will be achieved through the Barnett Memorial Day Tournament and Club Championship on July 9 and 10.

Our Junior Golf Program begins on Wednesday, June 15. Please come by the Pro Shop to sign up your junior golfers! The program is open to children and grandchildren of all members. Lessons will be from 3pm to 5pm every Wednesday for six weeks. The last week of the program will culminate with the Junior Tournament on Friday, July 22. All Juniors in the Program are welcome to play. We will have a lunch and awards ceremony following play that is open to all juniors, parents, and grandparents.

Upcoming events at the Missoula Country Club include the Petroleum Tournament on June 7, Ladies Mixed ProAM on June 8, Member-Member Tournament on June 11 and June 12, WGA Guest Day on June 22, Montana Rail Link Tournament on June 25, and the Men's Pro Am on June 27.

Lastly, if you are interested in learning more about your golf swing and lowering your scores, please sign up for a golf lesson with myself or my Assistant Professionals, Connor Sproull and Ryan Hoynecki.

## ACERS



**Greg Anderson**  
5/3/11 - Hole 6  
168 Yards - 7 Iron

**Mysta Ward**  
5/4/11 - Hole 12  
84 Yards - 9 Iron

**Jim Krausch**  
5/12/11 - Hole 2  
172 Yards - 4 Iron

**Mike Dunn**  
5/20/11 - Hole 12  
150 Yards - 9 Iron

**Jim Ouellette**  
5/26/11 - Hole 12  
127 Yards - PW

**Chris Sellman**  
5/30/11 - Hole 6  
177 Yards - 6 Iron

## ETIQUETTE

BY THE RULES AND GAMES COMMITTEE

When using the driving range all members and guests must wear a collared shirt. Please follow the dress code at all times. If you are using the range for an extended period of time and the range is full, please step aside and let other players utilize the hitting area. Junior playing times are posted in the Pro Shop. Please pick up a sheet for your convenience. Also, when letting a group play through, please do so while on a tee box. Both groups should hit tee shots and then separate while in the fairway. Lastly, pace of play has been great this year, but please continue to strive to play in 4-hours or less.

# FOOD & BEVERAGE

BY MELISSA NORDBERG



I am excited to announce that this month is my 1 year anniversary at the Missoula Country Club. What a year it has been! I have learned so much about the history and traditions here from so many members. I enjoy coming to work and seeing the familiar faces every day, it really does feel like

we are one BIG family. Working for the Club has been one of the best experiences in my career! The management and board of directors have been so helpful and supportive.

The staff here at the Missoula Country Club is the best! We all work so well together. Most members do not get to see the kitchen crew, but I will tell you

that we have a great team. They put in long hours over blazing hot grills day in and day out. I have great respect for the men and women who work in a kitchen; it is not an easy job. Thank you Sean, Justin, John, Joe, James, Melody, Randy and Larry!

You may be more familiar with our wait staff and bartenders on the other hand. They work just as hard, but in a different way. They have been very dependable, hardworking and loyal to the Club. Our turnover rate in the Dining Room & Lounge has been very low which is wonderful. Thank you Vickey, Paul, Kellen, Alyssa, Kirsten, Bronda, Edwin, Kristen and Kara. And I can't forget our bar cart and pool girls; Markie, Magen, Anne, Randi, Jamie, Tessa, Brenna, Jade, Victoria, Brooke and Sydnee. Thank you all!

I would like to thank each and every member for being a part of the Missoula Country Club "family". There is no better place to be!

## I'M ALRIGHT

BY CARL SPACKLER



I recently had the opportunity to hear a nationally acclaimed motivational speaker. Most of the session was not a Rah! Rah! Cheerleading Rally aimed at setting the world on fire, but rather a quiet and insightful session encouraging each of us to make the world better by being better people. One component is to truly respect others, and to see ourselves as we really are. Our "real" self is shown in how we act when no one is watching. Sometimes we say more by whispering than by screaming.

One of the guys in the maintenance shed is trailed through life by a cloud of negativity; much like Pig Pen is followed by a cloud of dust in the Peanuts

comic strip. Interestingly, he has a quote above his locker that says "It's never too late to be happy for the rest of your life!" So far, if he's reading it, he isn't living it, and we're thinking of taking bets on when he'll have a good day.

Let's make an impact on the world by doing small things we can control. When you encounter a divot in the fairway ~ fill it in; when you see a ball mark on the green ~ repair it; when you see trash on a fairway~pick it up. So, remember who you are when no one is looking, and ENJOY LIFE!

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## Tom Swanson – State Class B High School Champion

BILLINGS - Unbeaten and untied, Missoula Loyola's perfect season in boys golf ended on a sunny Wednesday afternoon with a third consecutive State B championship. Highlighted by sophomore Tom Swanson's remarkable run to medalist honors, the Rams' young, highly skilled lineup led wire-to-wire in beating Columbus by 19 strokes after two days of play at Eaglerock Golf Course.

En route to dominating once again at state, Loyola was spurred by the exceptional play of the 16 year old Swanson, who closed with an even par 72, shot four under 140 for the tournament and beat Huntley Project's Austin Zopfi by four strokes for medalist accolades.

"It's unbelievable, yet you kind of expect it," Carlson said of Swanson's precise play over the two days. "He's just that good. He has a short game that I've never seen before from people his age." Swanson, who shot a four under 68 during the opening round and was three under after his first six holes on Wednesday, said the intense competition within the Loyola program each season seems to fuel the Rams' recent success. "Tom certainly fits that bill after (placing second individually) last year. He was the favorite and we all knew it. He showed the other kids the way, and everything fell into place for us.

# ASK TOM ASK

BY TOM ASK  
GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT



Summer must be close as Dawn and her helpers are busy putting plants in the ground. We are anxiously awaiting her latest creations and the beauty they will add to our golf club. The winds of mid May have both she and the remainder of the maintenance department a few days behind in our preparations for the

Barnett Tourney.

Our staff spent a good four days cleaning up after the storm. They did a great job and we are now back on track with our preparations. Speaking of the tourney, those of you who played the course in late May probably noticed that the rough was a little longer. That was for Memorial Day weekend only and we should have the rough shaped back up for regular play in short order in early June.

In last month's newsletter I mentioned that we had tried a new seed in the few ice damaged areas on the course. The seed proved to be unworthy of its' initial billing and it has been necessary to reseed with another product. Unfortunately, we lost about 3 weeks of recovery by experimenting with this new product but we should be back up to snuff shortly.

The Bitterroot River is on the rise and I have yet to talk to anybody who does not expect it to interrupt play on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole. We have a plan in place that will provide 18 holes to play should the need arise. Your staff will do everything it can to minimize the inconvenience. We are very close to being at full staff for the season.

We look forward to putting things on cruise control for the summer and expect to provide an excellent golf course for you to enjoy. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to make your golf experience better.



## MCC DIRECTORY CHANGES

NEW MCC DIRECTORIES ARE IN PROGRESS

### NEW

Hansen, Rena (Scott) – Regular  
Robbins, Joanne - Social

### CHANGES

Betty Andrews-Muralt – Silver Circle  
Bud Beagle – Silver Circle  
Jim Callaghan – Silver Circle  
Steve Dailey – Silver Circle  
Jack Henry – Silver Circle  
Barbara Koessler – Silver Circle  
Marlene Koch – Silver Circle  
Bob Small – Silver Circle  
Jeremy Thane – Silver Circle  
Skip Weishaar – Silver Circle

### MEMBERSHIP STATUS AS OF 5/25/11

<b>PLAYING MEMBERSHIPS</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>(450 max.)</b>
<b>REGULAR</b>	<b>310</b>	
<b>BUSINESS</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>(80 max.)</b>
<b>ASSOCIATE</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>(40 max.)</b>
<b>SILVER CIRCLE</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>(10 max.)</b>
<b>NON RESIDENT</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>(25 max.)</b>
<b>SOCIAL</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>(120 max.)</b>
<b>BUSINESS SOCIAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>(20 max.)</b>

# WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

## NEWS FROM THE RED TEES

BY LISA BUSEMAN  
MCCWGA PRESIDENT

### LADIES GUEST DAY – JUNE 22

#### \$25 / PERSON INCLUDES:

Breakfast ~ Green Fees  
9 a.m. Shotgun Start ~ Lunch  
Free Glass of Wine and Lots of FUN!

*You can bring up to 3 guests!  
ALSO, if you don't have a guest,  
come play anyway. We'll put you on a team!*



### REMINDER!!!

Every Tuesday night is Fun League for all WGA members. If you are not scheduled to play Tuesday night league, come on out and play. You can win fabulous prizes and are guaranteed a good time.

If you have Juniors that love to golf, be sure to ask Skip about the Red Towel program. It is a wonderful thing!



Susan Toder, Diane Sheridan, Carol Hayes, Lani Tabish, Shauna Ginter and Shari Linjala



Penny Ritchie, Jean Hanich and Carol Woodahl



Peggy Kane, Maxine Searles and Margie Gall



Lisa Buseman and Dee Buterac

*Quote: The difference in golf and government is that in golf you can't improve your lie.*



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MISSOULA COUNTRY CLUB



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> 11 am – 8 pm PRIVATE DINNER Lunch Menu	<b>2</b> 11 am – 8 pm MEN'S LEAGUE Dinner Menu	<b>3</b> 11 am – 8 pm HAPPY DAYS 5-7 PM COUPLE'S TWILIGHT 6 PM Dinner Menu	<b>4</b> 11 am – 8 pm POOL OPENS 11:00 AM Dinner Menu
<b>5</b> 11 am – 8 pm POOL OPENS 12 NOON Lunch Menu	<b>6</b> 11 am – 8 pm PRIVATE LUNCH Lunch Menu	<b>7</b> 11 am – 8 pm PETROLEUM MARKETERS TOURNAMENT LADIES' LEAGUE Dinner Menu	<b>8</b> 11 am – 8 pm NEW MEMBERS 6 PM LADIES' MIXED PRO-AM Lunch Menu	<b>9</b> 11 am – 8 pm MEN'S LEAGUE Dinner Menu	<b>10</b> 11 am – 8 pm HAPPY DAYS 5-7 PM COUPLE'S TWILIGHT 6 PM Dinner Menu	<b>11</b> 11 am – 8 pm MEMBER-MEMBER TOURNAMENT POOL OPENS FOR SEASON 11:00 AM PRIVATE DINNER
<b>12</b> 11 am – 8 pm MEMBER-MEMBER TOURNAMENT Lunch Menu	<b>13</b> 11 am – 8 pm Lunch Menu	<b>14</b> 11 am – 8 pm LADIES' LEAGUE Dinner Menu	<b>15</b> 11 am – 8 pm HOME & HOME-EAGLE BEND @ MCC JUNIOR LESSONS Lunch Menu	<b>16</b> 11 am – 8 pm MEN'S LEAGUE Dinner Menu	<b>17</b> 11 am – 8 pm HAPPY DAYS 5-7 PM COUPLE'S TWILIGHT 6 PM Dinner Menu	<b>18</b> 11 am – 8 pm Dinner Menu
<b>19</b> 11 am – 8 pm FATHER'S DAY Lunch Menu	<b>20</b> 11 am – 8 pm Lunch Menu	<b>21</b> 11 am – 8 pm LADIES' LEAGUE Dinner Menu	<b>22</b> 11 am – 8 pm WGA GUEST DAY HOME & HOME-MCC @ EAGLE BEND Lunch Menu	<b>23</b> 11 am – 8 pm MEN'S LEAGUE Dinner Menu	<b>24</b> 11 am – 8 pm HAPPY DAYS 5-7 PM COUPLE'S TWILIGHT 6 PM Dinner Menu	<b>25</b> 11 am – 8 pm MRL TOURNAMENT Dinner Menu
<b>26</b> 11 am – 8 pm PRIVATE DINNER D.R. Lunch Menu	<b>27</b> 11 am – 8 pm MEN'S PRO-AM Lunch Menu	<b>28</b> 11 am – 8 pm LADIES' LEAGUE Dinner Menu	<b>29</b> 11 am – 8 pm Lunch Menu	<b>30</b> 11 am – 8 pm MEN'S LEAGUE Dinner Menu	<b>1</b> 11 am – 8 pm JULY COUPLE'S TWILIGHT 6 PM Dinner Menu	<b>2</b> 11 am – 8 pm Dinner Menu