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NEWSLETTER OF THE MISSOULA COUNTRY CLUB

Spring



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY BARBARA DUFOUR
PRESIDENT



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Barbara Dufour.....	President
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Scott Lennemann.....	Assistant Superintendent
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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.

Food & Beverage Service Hours – April

Sunday (Lunch Only)	11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Monday (Lunch Only)	11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Tuesday (Lunch Only)	11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
until April 29th	
Wednesday	11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Thursday	11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday	11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Saturday	11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Springtime in Montana is exciting, full of energy and the promise of good things to come...especially at the Missoula Country Club! Members are emerging from winter eager to get on the golf course and greet their friends. The course is in great condition and improvements and changes are in progress such as new concrete cart paths and new netting alongside the driving range. Ron Svien is doing a fantastic job as general manager. The Crab Feed was a fun filled, social evening, and Ron is making progress in all areas of the Club operations.

The annual meeting was held on March 26, 2008. The members approved the 2008 budget, voted for changes to the bylaws and elected two new board members – Allen Pickens and John Dayries to join Joe Johnston (Vice President), Janet Donahue (Secretary/Treasurer), Bob Knapp and Mike McCourt. Welcome to the Board! I look forward to the challenges and the changes in the coming year. There is a lot of energy, and members are stepping forward to get involved in the direction and continued improvements in the operations at MCC. It will be a good year.

I am forever grateful for two special past presidents who set in motion the positive new directions we are headed. Brad Dantic and Tom Graves are dedicated to the continued success of the Missoula Country Club and it was not an easy ride. Thank you.

Our next concern is the Miller Creek Road final environmental impact statement. I am sure Brad Dantic has read the entire 1000 pages and understands what it says. We will keep you posted on what action we take and how it will affect our course.

Barbara Dufour

Sushi Appreciation Night

Enjoy a night of Japanese cuisine hosted by Chef Brook

Friday, April 18th at 6:00pm

\$30.00 per person + 18% Gratuity

Price Includes Sushi Instruction,
Sushi Dinner & Glass of Sake

Reservations: 251-2404

A great opportunity to try something new or for the connoisseur to enjoy their favorite rolls and ethnic sides. Participate in hands-on sushi rolling or relax and enjoy a variety of fresh sushi.

*Guests of members
are always welcome!*



FOOD AND BEVERAGE

BY MEGAN SUDDABY,
FOOD & BEVERAGE DIRECTOR



Golf season is here and the food and beverage office is busy getting ready for a season of great service and exceptional food in the clubhouse and on the course. We are always looking for suggestions of seasonal menu selections and additional beer and wine choices to ensure that there is something for every member to enjoy.

Thank you to all the members who joined us for our Crab Feed, Easter Brunch and our end of month buffets. We have a wonderful membership at the Missoula Country Club and would like to continue offering monthly events for members and their guests that offer outstanding food and great company. Our featured member events in April are the Sushi Appreciation Night on Friday, April 18, and our Member Wine Tasting Dinner on Friday, April 25.

Please contact me in the Food and Beverage office to make reservations.

Food and Beverage service on the course will be exceptional this season. We have several returning servers to operate our beverage cart. They are all very excited to be working with our members for another season. We have some new products available on our cart this spring including pint cans of Kettle House Cold Smoke beer. We have ordered a new food warmer for the cart that will allow us to serve hot dogs and warm sandwiches on the course.

I am honored to be working for the membership as the Food and Beverage Director and encourage you to contact me with any questions, suggestions or concerns. I look forward to seeing everyone out golfing and in the clubhouse in the next month.

Megan Suddaby

MCC DIRECTORY CHANGES

NEW

Bovee, Brian (Sherry Carrico) TR 5414 Blue Sky Ln., Florence 59833 A & B Roofing	273-2030 721-3949
Gillette, Dan (Leigh) R 5756 Prospect Dr., Msla. 59908 Blackhill Partners (Consult/Investment)	721-8385 214-382-3752
Haycook, Andrew (Denise) TR 5559 Circle Dr., Florence 59833 A & B Roofing	273-9892 721-3949
Hauser, Jason (Tonya) A 5105 Victor Pl., Msla. 59803 Hauser Plumbing & Heating	549-5282 549-5282
Hober, Todd TR 101 Walden Pl., Msla. 59803 Hober Insurance Agency	544-3242 543-8371
McGinness, Curt (Ani Cabrerros) TR 5110 Village View Way #8, Msla. 59803	239-6063
Nester, Bob R 6612 Longview Dr., Msla. 59803 National Weather Svc.	370-2362 329-4840
Newton, Stanley (Kim) R 5353 Mac Court, Florence 59833	493-6573
Olson, Phillip (Tracie) TR 1720 Cyprus Ct., Msla. 59801 Olson Lawn Svc.	543-3017 239-0321
Schulte, Kathy (Robert) B 920 Simons Dr., Msla. 59803 Farmers State Bank	721-6905 642-3431
Shelby, Michael A 2140 10 th Ave., Havre 59501 Dentist	406-265-3606 406-265-2063

Sellers, Wade (Jacqueline) TR
2533 South Hills Dr., Msla. 59803
251-6565

Highway Technologies
721-6664

Thompson, William A
3221 Helena Dr., Msla. 59803
546-5587

CHANGE

Corrick, James "Pat" S
Zahn, Terry (Mary) S
Ogren, Kathy (Doug Brusa (DSG))

DROPPED

June Maus – Social
Tim Paine – Regular
Jed Heggen – Regular
Don Gaumer – Regular
Paul Anderson – Regular
Angela Lipski – Regular
Rob Fleming – Regular
Philip Barney – Regular
William Kittredge – Regular
Barney White – Regular
Max Downing - Regular

MEMBERSHIP STATUS AS OF 3/26/08

PLAYING MEMBERSHIPS	426	(450 max.)
REGULAR	343	
BUSINESS	61	(80 max.)
ASSOCIATE	22	(40 max.)
NON RESIDENT	20	(25 max.)
SOCIAL	87	(120 max.)
BUSINESS SOCIAL	8	(20 max.)

Member Wine Tasting

Friday, April 25th at 6:30pm
 \$50.00 per person +18% Gratuity

Includes 5 course dinner, wine tasting by Kevin O'Neill of Georges Distributing, and opportunity to purchase wine at discounted price

For Reservations Please Call Megan at 251-2404

5 Course Dinner

Marinated & Grilled Antipasto Skewers

Western Mediterranean lobster and citrus soup with fresh dill and pearl onions

Caprice salad with fresh buffalo mozzarella, roma tomatoes, opal basil and fried prosciutto drizzled with olive oil and black fig vinegar

Pan seared duck breast with a sage, apple, and bacon sauce

Key lime calypso with a vanilla genoise and key lime mousse



Rules regarding Men's and Ladies' Days From the MCC Rules

2. Reserve Period Rules

During the period between the start and end of men's and women's 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.
- (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.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, May 11 - Mother's Day

BRUNCH

Two Seatings - 10 a.m & 12:30 p.m.

DINNER

5:00 p.m. til 8:00 p.m.

Watch for details in the May newsletter!

MISSOULA COUNTRY CLUB 2008 GOLF COURSE & TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

April	12,	Sat	High School Invitational (mornings)
April	12,	Sat	High School Fundraiser (afternoon)
April	17,	Thurs	Men's League Dinner
April	24,	Thurs	Men's League Play Begins
April	29,	Tues	Women's League Play Begins
May	7,	Wed	Women's Daytime Play Begins
May	11,	Sun	Mother's Day Tournament – <i>play not affected</i>
May	17,	Sat	Smurfit-Stone Outing – <i>course opens after 2:00 p.m.</i>
May	24-26,	Sat-Mon	Barnett Memorial Day Tournament – <i>course opens after 7:00 p.m. Mon. eve.</i>
June	4,	Wed	Ladies' Mixed Pro-Am – <i>course opens after 12:30 p.m.</i>
June	7-8,	Sat-Sun	Member-Member Tournament – <i>course opens after 2:00 p.m.</i>
June	15,	Sun	Father's Day Tournament – <i>play not affected</i>
June	18,	Wed	WGA Day Play Guest Day – <i>course opens after 2:00 p.m.</i>
June	18,	Wed	Junior Lessons Start
June	21,	Sat	Montana Rail Link Outing – <i>course opens after 2:30 p.m.</i>
June	23,	Mon	MCC Pro-Am – <i>course opens after 4:00 p.m.</i>
July	12-13,	Sat-Sun	MCC Club Championship – <i>course opens after 2:00 p.m.</i>
July	18-19,	Fri-Sat	Men's Invitational – <i>course opens after 2:00 p.m. Saturday</i>
July	25,	Fri	MCC Junior Tournament - <i>course opens after 11:00 a.m.</i>
July	25,	Fri	Progressive Dinner
August	6,	Wed	Helen Tremper Ladies' Invitational – <i>course opens after 3:00 p.m.</i>
August	11,	Mon	Missoula Junior Tour – <i>course opens after 12:00 noon</i>
August	16-17,	Sat-Sun	Couples Chapman – <i>course opens after 2:30 p.m. both days</i>
August	28	Thur	Men's League – Final Playoffs, Dinner
September	12,	Fri	Grizzly Roundball Outing – <i>course closed from noon-7:00 p.m.</i>

PRO SHOP

BY SKIP KOPRIVICA,
PGA GOLF PROFESSIONAL AND STAFF



The golf season is here! The course looks like it came through the winter great, and we look forward to a great 2008 season.

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. New this year to our shop is the Callaway iMax fitting system, which incorporates driver heads and shafts, which can interchange with a quick twist of a wrench. Also, we sell new and used golf carts as well as cart batteries. Finally, we offer bag storage with the same fee of \$65 for the year, which includes keeping your bag at the Club and having your clubs cleaned after each time they are used. Also, 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 (morning) and the 17th annual High School Fundraiser (afternoon) on Saturday, April 12. Over the past 16 years the H.S. Fundraiser has raised over \$300,000 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 will offer 2 free group clinics to our members beginning with the men's clinics on Tuesday, April 22 and 29 at 6 p.m. and the ladies' Wednesday, April 23 and 30 at 6 p.m. We also

offer individual private lessons and series of lessons. Contact either Skip or Connor.

League play starts toward the end of April beginning with the men's league dinner on Thursday, April 17. Men's league is scheduled to begin play the following Thursday, April 24. On Tuesday, April 29, will be the beginning of ladies' league. Also, junior lessons will begin Wednesday evenings on June 18. Registration forms will be in the May and June newsletters.

Applications are now available in the Pro Shop for the Don Barnett Memorial Day tournament as well as our Member-Member tournament. The Memorial Day tournament is set for Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, May 24-26. The Member-Member was successful last year, and we look forward to more success this year. Please pick up applications in the Pro Shop and sign up. The tournament will be held Saturday, June 7 and Sunday, June 8.

Attention Members: Please have one person check in with the Pro Shop before teeing off to tell us of each person playing in your group. It is our responsibility to maintain the tee sheet with everyone's name who is playing. This also helps if we need to approach any member if there is an emergency, making it easier to find them on the golf course. Thank you for your cooperation!

We would like to congratulate Peggy Kane on her 2nd career hole in one this winter at Chaparral Country Club! Also, congratulations to our assistant golf pro Connor Sproull on passing level two in the PGA program down in Florida in March. We look forward to seeing everyone out playing and enjoying the start of the 2008 golf season!

Skip Koprivica, Connor Sproull and staff

The Pro Shop would like to remind our players of the following rules.

From the MCC Rules

D. Starting Time Procedures

1. All golfers, before beginning play, must register in the Pro Shop and receive a starting time.
2. Start time may be made seven days in advance. When a starting time is made, please list all the golfers in your group.
3. No one may start from the tenth tee without the permission of the Golf Shop. No one may start play from any other location than #1 or #10 tees.
4. A starting time is an important commodity at Missoula Country Club. A starting time is when you are to actually tee off, not when you are supposed to arrive at the tee. Please arrive ahead of time and be ready to play at the scheduled tee time.
5. Starting times must be canceled if not used. Anyone abusing starting times or not canceling one hour in advance when not using them will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including loss of starting time privileges, applicable fee, or loss of playing privileges.

TOM'S TURF TALK

BY TOM RUSSELL
GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT



Spring has had a hard time getting rolling this year, especially compared to last March. I believe after this cold spell warm weather will arrive with gusto.

New for this golf season is time for maintenance on Monday mornings. On Mondays the practice facilities will be open, but the golf course will not open until **9:00 a.m.** Play will commence from the

first tee only at 9:00 allowing work to be completed in front of golfers. This will allow golfer invasive maintenance to be completed early in the week so we don't disturb play.

On Mondays greens will be verticut and topdressed. Light, frequent topdressing is key to fast, smooth and healthy greens. During this time applications of primo (growth regulator), plant protectants and fertility will also be accomplished. These practices were spread out through the week in the past interrupting early morning play.

The course capital expenditures are moving toward completion. The concrete cart paths on #1 green, #10 green, #16 green, and #11 tee have been poured with sodding to be finished in the coming week. The driving range net project is in progress. The poles are installed on the driving range floor, and the net will be installed soon. This section is 40 feet tall and 400 feet long. The poles for the section adjacent to the driving range tee are being powder coated. Installation will follow soon after. This section of net is 20 feet tall and 145 feet long. The contractor for both projects is Highway Technologies. This company has done a great job and is a joy to work with.

The grounds staff for the year is filled. I am very positive with new staff, and the dedication of our experienced staff is already heading the golf course to a great year.

The green committee has a website for questions and comments. It is mccgreens@gmail.com. Please call with questions or comments. My new cell number is 241-6031.

Enjoy your golf,
Tom Russell

MANAGER'S MEMOS

Please join me by congratulating Megan Suddaby, who was recently promoted to the position of Food & Beverage Director. Megan has worked just about every position in the bar dining operation during the past two years and brings forth a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm, and we look forward to her continued growth and success here at the Missoula Country Club!

Even though I only worked with these two gentlemen for a short time. I certainly appreciate their professionalism and dedication. I am of course, speaking of Tom Graves and Brad Dantic...many thanks for your leadership and service to the Club!

Many significant golf course improvement projects have already been completed or will be completed in the very near future. Please refer to Tom Russell's article, which is located elsewhere within this publication. Speaking of improvements...an air-powered golf shoe & spike cleaning system was recently installed in two locations - one at clubhouse bar entrance door and one at the cart barn.

The Crab Feed dinner and the Easter brunch event(s) were well attended and I want to thank the food & beverage staff for a job well done! The Mother's Day brunch & dinner menus are included in this newsletter. Make your reservations early, as these events will fill-up fast.

We are in the planning stages of scheduling the Couples Friday Evening Twilight Golf & Dinner events, which will begin in June. Also, plans are underway to promote one or two Sunday Afternoon Couples Tournament/Social events, where MCC couples invite non-member couples for 18-holes

of golf, dinner and awards. Look for more information in the May newsletter concerning these events.

Ron Svien,
General Manager

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - MARCH 26, 2008 VOTING RESULTS

2008 Operating Budget

Yes 119 No 31

2008 Board of Directors Election

Elected to 3-Year Board Terms - John Dayries & Allen Pickens

Minor & General Bylaw Corrections

Yes 122 No 8

Bylaw Article 11, Section 6. A. 7.

Membership Incentive/Promotion Programs

Yes 123 No 24

Bylaw Article II, Section 6. B. 3.

Club Operating Budget Approval & expenditure coverage, if necessary

Yes 138 No 12

Bylaw Article IV, Section 3. D. Voting Rights

Yes 144 No 4

Bylaw Article IV, Section 5. B. Associate Membership Fees Reserve

Yes 132 No 14

Bylaw Article VIII Eagle Fund

Yes 135 No 11

WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

NEWS FROM THE RED TEES

BY SHARI LINJALA,
MCCWGA PRESIDENT

TUESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE AND FUN PLAY STARTS!!!

Our 2008 season will kick off on April 29th with a team scramble, and... this is only the beginning!! Kerri Flaig and Jo Smith have put together what should be an incredibly fun season, including a visit to Margaritaville (on the course) in May, and Hawaiian Night in June. "Fun Play" will continue this year for those not wishing to compete--just be at the course prior to 6:00 PM to get your hole assignment. After play, join the night league players for a drink and some new and interesting buffets. To participate in Night League, submit your team roster to Kerri Flaig, 105 Walden Place, Missoula MT 59803. If you have questions or are looking for a team to play on, call Kerri (728-2245).



Wednesday Bridge

Golf Quote:

*"The best wood carried
by most amateurs
is a pencil"*



Send your WGA dues (\$30) to:

Penny Ritchie
P.O. Box 70
Florence, MT 59833
(deadline: May 6).



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 _____

Ladies Kickoff Breakfast

April 30th, 2008
9:00 AM -- Breakfast; 10:00 AM – Golf
(for those of you who want to play)
Cost is \$8.00
To make your reservations, call
Jean Hanich (251-5244); or
Maxine Searles (721-7297); or
Sign up in the Pro Shop

Ladies and friend
enjoying the
evening at
the MCC
Crab Feed





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. PRIVATE LUNCHEON IN MILLER BARBER LIBRARY LUNCH ONLY	2 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.	3 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.	4 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.	5 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
6 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. PRIVATE LUNCHEON DINING AVAILABLE IN LOUNGE LUNCH ONLY	7 LUNCH ONLY	8 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. LUNCH ONLY	9 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.	10 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.	11 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.	12 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. HIGH SCHOOL INVITATIONAL & FUNDRAISER
13 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. LUNCH ONLY	14 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. LUNCH ONLY	15 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. LUNCH ONLY	16 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.	17 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. MEN'S LEAGUE DINNER	18 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. SUSHI APPRECIATION NIGHT AT 6:00 PM	19 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
20 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. LUNCH ONLY	21 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. LUNCH ONLY	22 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. LUNCH ONLY	23 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.	24 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. MEN'S LEAGUE BEGINS MENS' DAY RULES	25 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. PRIVATE LUNCH FUNCTION IN DINING ROOM MEMBER WINE TASTING IN DINING ROOM 6:30	26 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
27 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. LUNCH ONLY	28 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. LUNCH ONLY	29 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. WOMEN'S LEAGUE BEGINS LADIES' DAY RULES	30 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. WOMEN'S LEAGUE KICK-OFF BREAKFAST BUFFET DINNER	1 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. MAY MENS' DAY RULES	2 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.	3 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
4 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. LUNCH ONLY	5 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. LUNCH ONLY	6 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. LADIES' DAY RULES	7 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. WOMEN'S DAY PLAY BEGINS	8 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. MENS' DAY RULES	9 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.	10 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.