

# MISSOULA COUNTRY CLUB

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NEWSLETTER OF THE MISSOULA COUNTRY CLUB



# MANAGER'S MEMOS

BY RON SVIEN



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Pro Shop .....251-2751  
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### 2009 Board of Directors

Joe Johnston ..... President, Bylaws  
Al Pickens..... Vice President, Finance  
John Dayries ..... Secretary/Treasurer  
Janet Donahue..... Long Range Plan  
Myles Link ..... House  
Justin Anderson ..... Rules & Games  
Bob Tutskey ..... Membership

### Staff

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

### Office Hours

Monday 9:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### Bar Service Hours

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

### Lunch Service Hours

Monday – Soup, Salad & Sandwich Buffet  
Tuesday - Sunday – Lunch Menu  
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### Dinner Service Hours

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

It has been a pleasure having had the opportunity to work with out-going Directors Barbara Dufour, Bob Knapp and Mike McCourt. These individuals have served MCC well and your dedication to the Club is very much appreciated. Barbara will continue to serve MCC in an ex-officio capacity as immediate Past-President through December 2009.

All Bylaw amendments passed via majority vote at the March 25 Annual Membership Meeting. MCC also has three new Directors... please welcome Bob Tutskey, Myles Link and Justin Anderson to the Board.

I want to thank Megan Suddaby for a job well done relating to the "Taste of Montana" dinner event held on March 27. We are in the process of printing the 2009 Membership Directory. Please contact Sharon Jeszenka at the Business Office if you have any changes associated with address, telephone or e-mail updates.

## April 2009 ~ Restaurant & Bar Hours of Operation

### Monday

Soup, Salad & Sandwich Buffet 11 am to 4 pm  
Bar Service 11 am to 8 pm

### Tuesday, Wednesday, Sunday

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

### Thursday, Friday & Saturday

Lunch Menu Served 11 am to 9 pm  
Dinner Service 5 pm to 9 pm  
Bar Service 11 am to 9 pm

## 2009 Bylaw Amendments

### MINOR AND GENERAL CORRECTIONS OF THE BYLAWS

(Pages 1-15)

YES: 129 - NO: 8

### ARTICLE II: DIRECTORS – SECTION 1. NUMBER OF DIRECTORS.

YES: 137 - NO: 3

Replaces the word "appointed" with the word "elected", which is and has been the practice of the MCC Women's Golf Association to elect one person from its association to a Directorship position.

### ARTICLE II: DIRECTORS – SECTION 2. ANNUAL ELECTION;

**A. ELGIBILITY;**

YES: 120 - NO: 20

**B. NOMINATING COMMITTEE; C. NOMINATION BY PETITION;**

**AND. NO WRITE IN CANDIDATES.** Establishment of these article additions provides an effective guideline and format to administrate the procedures associated with the Directors election process.

### ARTICLE II: DIRECTORS - SECTION 6. DIRECTOR QUORUM REQUIREMENT;

YES: 133 - NO: 8

### SECTION 7. BOARD OF DIRECTORS VOTING REQUIREMENT.

Initiates corporate procedures for Director quorum and voting requirement.

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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY JOE JOHNSTON

The golf course is finally open after another long winter. If you are like me, I start looking forward to spring golf right around St. Patrick's Day. Our course appears to have made it through winter very well with minimal amounts of ice damage on the tees, fairways, and greens. During the winter our grounds crew kept very busy by completing the EAGLE fund irrigation project along with the installation of a new driving range mat. This was all done in an attempt to minimize any disruptions to play once our season gets back into full swing.

At our annual meeting on March 25 three new Board members were elected to serve three-year terms. They are Justin Anderson, Myles Link, and Bob Tutskey. Serving on the Board is a very challenging and often times thankless position. As members we should all be very appreciative that these fine members have stepped up and committed to serving on our Board along with chairing separate

committees. I would also like to thank the past departing Board members; Barbara Dufour, Bob Knapp, and Mike McCourt for serving the membership well. The primary role of the MCC Board is to work with our managers to help set effective policies and procedures that are geared toward improving the overall club experience for our membership.

Our 2009 membership drive has gotten off to a good start considering the financial climate we are all experiencing. I would also like to personally welcome all new members to our Club. We have a great management team in place, a golf course that is second to none, and a staff returning this season with very little turn-over from 2008. Now, if only Mother Nature would cooperate and get us some much needed warmth, we will be off and running. I look forward to seeing you all at the Club and serving as your club president for 2009.

## *Missoula Country Club*

In accordance with the Club Bylaws, a Handicap Committee has been established and the Committee encourages all Members to post their scores after each round of golf.

**INCENTIVE:** Every time you post a score, you will be eligible to enter your name in the monthly drawing. Prizes will vary from month-to-month but will include *Dinner, Wine, Golf Lessons, etc.* See Skip or the Pro Shop Staff for more information.

Remember, only you can prevent *Sandbagging!*

Rocky Ginter, Chair

### **2009 Bylaw Amendments**

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#### **ARTICLE III: SECTION 1. OFFICERS – SECTION 1.**

YES: 135 - NO: 7

Remaining and newly elected Directors will elect Board Officers at their organizational meeting in December, rather than the remaining Directors and the outgoing Directors electing Board Officers at their final regularly scheduled meeting in March.

#### **ARTICLE IV: SECTION 8. SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP.**

YES: 111 - NO: 32

Allows Social Members to play the golf course a maximum of six (6) times per annual year with payment of the in-season green fee charge (currently \$45).

#### **ARTICLE VI: CENSURES, FINES, SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS**

YES: 122 - NO: 20

##### **SECTION 1 - A & B; SECTION 2; SECTION 3; SECTION 4; AND SECTION 5.**

Implements a thorough procedural structure associated with disciplinary procedures, and establishes the existence of the Disciplinary Committee.

#### **ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES - SECTION 1. APPOINTMENT; SECTION 2.**

YES: 130 - NO: 12

##### **GREEN COMMITTEE; SECTION 3. RULES AND GAMES COMMITTEE; SECTION 4. HOUSE COMMITTEE; SECTION 7. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE;**

**SECTION 8. LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE.** General wording and clerical amendments; addition of Disciplinary Committee and Long Range Planning Committee - including their respective committee functions.

#### **ARTICLE IX: ANNUAL MEETING.** Date amendment - March to December.

YES: 127 - NO: 13

## PRO SHOP

BY SKIP KOPRIVICA,  
PGA GOLF PROFESSIONAL AND STAFF



The 2009 golf season has finally arrived. We opened the permanent greens on Saturday, March 21. The driving range opened on Saturday, March 14, on the new artificial tee. We have received many positive comments on the new tee, and this will allow for better turf on the driving range during the season.

Our new merchandise is arriving daily. We continue to offer the Callaway Optifit Fitting System. This allows us to use driver and iron heads with different shafts which we interchange with a quick twist of a wrench. We can professionally fit you for any brand of club you want.

Our bag storage fee for 2009 is \$70 per bag. Your clubs are stored and cleaned after they are used. Not only does this save you the time and effort from keeping your clubs in your car or house, but it also means that your clubs will be clean every time you pick them up.

The 18th annual High School Fundraiser will be held Saturday morning, April 18. A special thanks to the Missoula Country Club members for allowing the Club to host this event. The money raised has helped the four High School golf programs stay intact.

Men's league dinner is Thursday, April 16, with the first night of league play on the following

Thursday, the 23rd. Ladies' league play will begin Tuesday, April 28. The junior lessons will begin Wednesday, June 17, at 6 p.m. Registration forms for junior lessons will be in your March statement, which you should receive in the mail the first week of April. We will also have junior forms in the Pro Shop on April 7. Regular members may sign up their children for junior lessons through April 22, and starting on the 23rd all other members, including grandparents and social members, can register their juniors. We do cap our junior program at 95 kids now, so we recommend you sign up early.

In the Pro Shop we have entry blanks for the Don Barnett Memorial Day Tournament, the Member-Member Tournament, and the Men's Invitational. Come in and sign up before it's too late.

As per our Club Rules and Regulations, we are asking to have at least one of your players in your group check in with the Pro Shop to let us know you're here and who you have in your group to help us maintain the tee sheet. And, if you're going to rent a cart or have a guest, please check in your guest and notify whoever is in the shop that you're taking a golf cart.

Good Golfing.

Skip Korivica, Connor Sproull, Justin Mills and Staff

Just a reminder: Maintain your handicaps so you'll be able to golf in the tournaments. The fee this year is \$16.00 per person and is billed to your account in June.

## I'M ALRIGHT

By Carl Spackler



Last month I left you with the thought that God gave us two ears and one mouth for a reason. For April I put together an excellent column on communication following the concept of "talk less, listen more," complete with some great theoretical tips. I scrapped it when I had an epiphany: Just because we know what to do, and have the tools to do it, doesn't mean we can accomplish what we set out to do.

Recently at dinner with four friends, I apparently said that a close relative of the Mrs. was a B----! At the time; taken in the proper context; delivered with exceptional wit; and under the influence of a couple high-balls, it seemed pretty funny. However, twenty-four hours later, when I was beaten with a rolled up newspaper and sent yelping to the doghouse, it wasn't quite as humorous.

It's like Bubba our equipment maintenance guy. We jokingly call him Bubba Stump (a take-off on Bubba Gump – sort of)! He thought it might be easier to sharpen the blades on the rotary mower by holding the grinder in one spot while the blades were turning. Who's the smart one now?

Here are my practical communication tips for men: 1 - Don't say anything stupid. 2- If you violate rule #1, apologize sincerely and profusely. For the ladies: 1 – It's okay to make us squirm a little. 2 – Forgive us - PLEASE!

If you run into Bubba on the course, please don't try to shake his hand. If you run into Mrs. Spackler, please tell her that I'm not such a bad guy. Enjoy life!

# FOOD AND BEVERAGE

BY MEGAN SUDDABY,  
FOOD & BEVERAGE MANAGER

We will be hosting our annual Easter Brunch on Sunday, April 12, with seatings at 10 a.m., 12-noon, and 2 p.m. As always, this event is complete with a fantastic spread of culinary treats and complementary champagne or sparkling cider. Reservations are limited to 100 people per seating and space is already filling fast. Avoid missing out on this special event by making your family's reservation today.

The MCC Kids' Easter party will be held Saturday, April 11, at 10:00 a.m., and this event is open to all MCC children, grandchildren, family, and friends. Each child will have the opportunity to participate in an Easter egg hunt, dye Easter eggs, eat lots of yummy treats, and receive an Easter basket from the Easter Bunny himself. Join us at the clubhouse for a hopping good time! The cost is \$10.00/child, for reservations call (406) 251-2404 or email [msuddaby@missoulacountryclub.com](mailto:msuddaby@missoulacountryclub.com).

Please remember to check the calendar for the Food and Beverage hours of operation and upcoming events in April. As noted on the calendar, we will not be serving dinner on Saturday, April 11, in order to set up and prepare for Easter Brunch the following day. The lounge will be open on the night of April 11 for beverage service only.

Let's hope for some nice weather to get the golf season going. See you in the clubhouse or on the course soon!



**FRIENDSHIP PAYS.**  
**REFER A NEW MEMBER**

**YOU GET A \$500 CREDIT**  
on your account for each new member  
and \$250 for each associate member.

**THEY GET \$3,500 OFF**  
their initiation fee.

For details contact the Membership Director at 251-2414.  
[missoulacountryclub.com](http://missoulacountryclub.com)



## MCC DIRECTORY CHANGES

### NEW

Fischer, Hank (Carol) R  
3342 Butler View Ln., Msla. 59808 549-0761  
Natl. Wildlife Federation-special projects

Halligan, Mike (Leslie) R  
1705 Cyprus Ct., Msla. 59801 721-3399  
Washington Corp. (Mike) 523-1325  
Deputy County Atty. (Leslie)

Nygaard, Gary (Katherine) R  
4300 Fox Farm Rd., Msla. 59802 549-9664

Weisul, Johathan (Monica) R  
2292 Bald Eagle Close, Msla. 59804 493-0420  
Community Medical Ctr. 327-4005

### CHANGE

Gobel, Chris R  
Hauser, Jason (Tonya) R

### RESIGNED

Patrick Beatty – Social  
Pri Fernando/U.S. Bank – Business  
Mary Pat Meese – Social  
Michael Shelby – Associate  
Randy Warner - Regular

### MEMBERSHIP STATUS AS OF 3/25/09

<b>PLAYING MEMBERSHIPS</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>(450 max.)</b>
<b>REGULAR</b>	<b>326</b>	
<b>BUSINESS</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>(80 max.)</b>
<b>ASSOCIATE</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>(40 max.)</b>
<b>NON RESIDENT</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>(25 max.)</b>
<b>SOCIAL</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>(120 max.)</b>
<b>BUSINESS SOCIAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>(20 max.)</b>

# TOM'S TURF TALK

BY TOM RUSSELL  
GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT



The driving range is open with play from the new driving range teeing mat. It has been well received and emulates grass as close as artificial can. Please do not push tees through the backing of the mat. Tees stand tall, and a shorter tee will provide the same height as a taller tee in natural grass.

The irrigation project is back to full speed. Last fall half of the project was completed. This spring the back 9 is being converted to electric actuated valve in head sprinklers. Holes that are being worked on will be closed during work hours. I apologize for any inconvenience.

The course wintered well. Greens had some

minor damage in traditional low areas, but the crowns are pushing new growth. Fairways did not experience any crown hydration or ice injury at this time. On a year when the course was covered with ice from fence to fence, I am very pleased. The late aeration on both greens and fairways is assisting with gas exchange and drainage. Snow mold is more prevalent on tees and fairways than last year. Conditions under the ice are very conducive to disease activity. Most of the patches are superficial and will disappear with growth and mowing. Fairways have been mowed the first time, and greens will be mowed this week.

Power carts will be allowed on the course this week; the course is drying up rapidly.

The green committee has an e-mail for questions and comments. It is

[mccgreens@gmail.com](mailto:mccgreens@gmail.com).

Enjoy your golf,

## MISSOULA COUNTRY CLUB 2009 GOLF COURSE & TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

April	4	Sat	High School Invitational – <i>course opens 2:00 p.m.</i>
April	16	Thurs	Men's League Dinner
April	18	Sat	High School Fundraiser – <i>course opens 2:00 p.m.</i>
April	23	Thurs	Men's League Play Begins
April	28	Tues	Women's League Play Begins
May	6	Wed	Women's Daytime Play Begins
May	10	Sun	Mother's Day Tournament – <i>play not affected</i>
May	23-25	Sat-Mon	Barnett Memorial Day Tournament – <i>course opens <u>Mon.</u> 7:00 p.m.</i>
June	3	Wed	Ladies' Mixed Pro-Am – <i>course opens 1:00 p.m.</i>
June	9	Tues	Montana Petroleum Outing – <i>course opens 11:00 a.m.</i>
June	13-14	Sat-Sun	Member-Member Tournament - <i>course opens 2:00 p.m.</i>
June	17	Wed	WGA Day Play Guest Day – <i>course opens 2:00 p.m.</i>
June	17	Wed	Junior Lessons Start
June	21	Sun	Father's Day Tournament – <i>play not affected</i>
June	22	Mon	MCC Pro-Am – <i>course opens 4:00 p.m.</i>
June	27	Sat	Montana Rail Link Outing – <i>course opens 2:30 p.m.</i>
July	11-12	Sat-Sun	Club Championship – <i>course opens 2:00 p.m.</i>
July	17-18	Fri-Sat	Men's Invitational – <i>course opens <u>Sat.</u> 3:00 p.m.</i>
July	24	Fri	MCC Junior Tournament – <i>course opens 11:30 a.m.</i>
July	24	Fri	Progressive Dinner – <i>front nine closed at 5:30 p.m.</i>
August	5	Wed	Helen Tremper Ladies' Invitational – <i>course opens 3:00 p.m.</i>
August	10	Mon	Missoula Junior Tour – <i>course opens 12:00 noon</i>
August	22-23	Sat-Sun	Couples Chapman – <i>course opens 2:30 p.m.</i>
August	28	Fri	Lutheran Social Services Outing – <i>course closed 12:30 p.m. – opens 6:30 p.m.</i>
September	10	Thurs	Montana Carriers Assn. – <i>course opens 1:00 p.m.</i>
September	18	Fri	Grizzly Roundball Outing – <i>course closes 11:00 a.m.- opens 6:30 p.m.</i>
September	21	Mon	Montana Tavern Outing – <i>course open until 11:30 a.m.</i>

# WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

## NEWS FROM THE RED TEES

BY SHARI LINJALA,  
MCCWGA PRESIDENT

### Upcoming Events:

- April 28 Ladies Night League Begins
- April 29 Ladies Kickoff Breakfast
- May 6 Day's Play Begins



### Golf Ruling Question?

You and your golf buddies have had a hotly contested match in which a rules question came up that no one can answer. After consulting the Rules of Golf handbook, the pro-shop, and the USGA web site you still can't come to an agreement on what the correct ruling should be. You do have another option. The USGA accepts rules questions on their web site. Go to the following link to submit your question:

[http://www.usga.org/questions/contact\\_us/rules\\_contact\\_us.html](http://www.usga.org/questions/contact_us/rules_contact_us.html)

2009 WGA Dues (\$35) --  
Please leave in the Pro Shop  
or send to:  
Penny Ritchie  
P.O. Box 70  
Florence MT 59833



MCC Signature Tree  
Created by Jackee Svien

2009 Team Registration Forms --  
please send to:  
Kerri Flaig  
105 Walden Place  
Missoula MT 59803

The most  
wasted of  
all days  
is one without laughter.



Questions?  
Kerri 728-2245  
or  
Jo 329-2699



### 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 _____

Questions? Call Kerri (728-2245) or Jo (329-2699)

### Ladies Kickoff Breakfast

April 29th, 2009

9:00 AM – Breakfast

10:00 AM – Golf (for those who want to play)  
For reservations, call Jean Hanich (251-5244)  
or sign up in the Pro Shop.





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MISSOULA COUNTRY CLUB



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm Bar Service 11 am-8 pm	<b>2</b> 11 am - 9 pm DINNER SERVICE 5 pm -9 pm	<b>3</b> 11 am - 9 pm DINNER SERVICE 5 pm -9 pm	<b>4</b> 11 am - 9 pm HIGH SCHOOL INVITATIONAL MEMBER PLAY @ 2 PM DINNER SERVICE 5 pm -9 pm
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<b>12</b> EASTER BRUNCH 10:00 AM, NOON, 2:00 PM	<b>13</b> SOUP, SALAD, SANDWICH BUFFET 11-4 BAR SERVICE 11-8	<b>14</b> PRIVATE LUNCHEON MILLER BARBER LIBRARY Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm Bar Service 11 am-8 pm	<b>15</b> PRIVATE DINNER EVENT DINING ROOM/LOUNGE Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm Bar Service 11 am-8 pm	<b>16</b> 11 am - 9 pm DINNER SERVICE 5 pm -9 pm	<b>17</b> 11 am - 9 pm DINNER SERVICE 5 pm -9 pm	<b>18</b> 11 am - 9 pm HIGH SCHOOL FUNDRAISER MEMBER PLAY @ 2 PM DINNER SERVICE 5 pm -9 pm
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