

MISSOULA COUNTRY CLUB

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NEWSLETTER OF THE MISSOULA COUNTRY CLUB



MANAGER'S MEMOS



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Phone Numbers

Pro Shop	251-2751
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2008 Board of Directors

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Ron Svien	General Manager
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Megan Suddaby.....	Food & Beverage Director

Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Bar Service Every Day 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Food & Beverage Service Hours – July

Sunday	11 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Monday	11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Tuesday	11 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Wednesday	11 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Thursday	11 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Friday	11 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Saturday.....	11 a.m. – 9 p.m.

The Oasis Facility at the 13th Tee will be up and running by mid July and will feature quick “to-go” food and beverages. Additionally, a self-serve salad bar featuring fresh salad and condiments as well as soup, chili and French bread will be available in the clubhouse in the very near future. For more information, please see Megan Suddaby’s article which is located elsewhere within this publication.

The current golf car fleet will be made available for purchase in November. The projected selling price will range between \$2,300 and \$2,800 each. There are twenty 2004 Electric “Precedent Series” Club Cars and each golf car will be sold “AS IS”. These golf cars will be made available on a first come/first served basis, and if interested, you should make every effort to sign up as soon as possible by contacting Skip Koprivica at the MCC Pro Shop. A \$300.00 earnest money deposit will also be due on or before August 15, 2008.

MCC Club Championship

Saturday, July 12 - 1st Round

Sunday, July 13 - 2nd Round

MCC Men’s Invitational

Thursday, July 17 - Practice Round

Friday, July 18 - 1st Round

Saturday, July 19 - 2nd Round

MCC Progressive Dinner on the Golf Course

Friday, July 25

New Members Welcome Event

Sunday, July 27

MCC Helen Tremper Ladies’ Invitational

Wednesday, August 6

MCC Couples Chapman

Friday, August 15 - Practice Round

Saturday, August 16 - 1st Round

Sunday, August 17 - 2nd Round

Luau Couples Mixed Invitational

Sunday, September 7

Ron Svien
General Manager

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

BY MEGAN SUDDABY,
FOOD & BEVERAGE MANAGER

As the summer progresses, the Food and Beverage Department is continuing to develop friendly and efficient ways to provide exceptional dining services for the membership. Our most current improvement to the clubhouse food service is the purchase of a full scale salad bar. The salad bar will be available to the membership 6 days a week during lunch and dinner service. Accompanying the salad buffet will be chili and soup du jour. Our hope is that this new amenity will accommodate a range of members' dining needs. It will provide convenience for the members who would like to grab a salad for the golf course, and it will provide a variety of choices to satisfy members wishing to utilize the salad bar on a daily basis.

Our hotdog steamer has arrived! I appreciate the membership's patience as we work to create our 13th tee snack shack. We are planning to be up and operational on Saturday, July 12. We will be providing an assortment of deli sandwiches and wraps, as well as serving snacks, fresh fruit, candy bars, trail mix, fresh baked chocolate chip cookies, and other treats. We are looking forward to serving the membership from our new location on the 13th tee!

I encourage members to participate in the

2008 MCC Progressive Dinner, July 25. The night promises to be great fun as you enjoy nine holes of golf with friends while being served exceptional food and beverage at each tee.

The first two Friday Night Couples Twilight golf have been a huge success. Friday nights are a great time to enjoy the company of friends on the golf course and a relaxing, specially prepared buffet in the clubhouse. To register for Friday couples golf, please contact the Pro Shop by phone at 251-2751 or stop in the next time you are out enjoying the Club.

I have truly enjoyed working towards making the dining experiences for the membership more convenient, pleasant, consistent and relaxing. I believe that the Missoula Country Club can be a place where the entire membership can enjoy a dining experience that suits their expectations. Please feel free to contact me by e-mail at msuddaby@missoulacountryclub.com or by phone at 251-2404 with any Food and Beverage questions or comments. See you in the Clubhouse.

Megan Suddaby
Food and Beverage Manager

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

BY JANET DONAHUE,
CHAIR

Your Long Range Planning Committee has been very busy over the last two months and will soon be asking for your comments and suggestions! Members of the committee are Pattie Corrigan-Eckness, John McAfee, Patsy O'Keefe and Carl Thompson. We have already involved the club's committees by helping us gather ideas about our Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT analysis). This is a well-known and well-used process in the business world for determining direction and planning long-term for success. Our goal is to develop a 5 year plan to help strategically guide the club in a focused direction while operating in an efficient and effective manner that provides benefit to our members.

We are now in the process of developing proposed goals in several categories to resolve our weaknesses and turn threats such as the proposed Old Highway 93 expansion into opportunities for growth and long-term sustainability as a private

country club. The specific areas that the committee is addressing are (and in no particular order):

- The Clubhouse/Service
- The Course/Pro Shop/Facility Conditions
- Aging/Maturing Membership
- Management/Board

The Committee will hold an Open House Meeting on August 20 for members to get a chance to participate informally in the planning process. We value your opinions and look forward to visiting with you about the future of your Club. Should you wish to contact any of the members of the committee prior to August 20 about your ideas or comments, please feel free to do so!

Missoula Country Club
Long Range Planning - Open House Meeting
Wednesday, August 20, 2008
4:00 pm to 6:30 pm

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY BARBARA DUFOUR

I missed writing a missive for the June newsletter because I was traveling in China with the Rocky Mountain Ballet Theatre. It was an incredible adventure but nothing beats Missoula, Montana. Beijing would probably give about anything for our air.

The finance committee, Board, GM, and controller have reviewed and analyzed the financials through May. The projection based on these 5 months isn't stellar; however, the first 3 months were cold and snowing. Nevertheless, we are concerned and taking a proactive approach. Al Pickens and the finance committee suggested increasing revenue by implementing a membership drive based on a plan the Club paid for 10 years ago and by asking managers to look at expenditures that could be reduced or postponed.

Bob Knapp, the membership committee, and the GM have studied the plan and will make a proposal to the Board. We are not advocating any increase in membership above the base level, but MCC loses

members all the time for a variety of reasons, and there is increased competition in the local market. We need to sustain our membership level to pay for the services and the quality course MCC is noted for.

The reality is the cost of all goods and services have increased because of the pressure on availability of resources particularly fuel. Our budget is expense driven – there is a cost for green grass, 10.5 green speed, a rough cut to a desired length, a lovely swimming pool, a private restaurant, and staff to serve you. It is not great fun to be in a position to raise dues and script. Therefore, we need to maintain a certain membership level, provide good food, efficient service, and keep an exceptionally maintained course. You, as members, need to support your Club not only with your presence but with your attitude.

On a much lighter note I would like to introduce Tom Russell's terrific staff —



Dawn Palmer,
horticulturist

Back row (left to right): Bill Chilcot, Kane Russell, Joel Dupree, Mike McNally, Tim Hitchcock, Ryan Colberg, Glenn Stad, Scott Lennemann, Karl Zanzig

Front row (left to right): George Schaible, Alana Bahe, Craig Sweet, Scott Wandler, Jim Gauette, Tom Russell, Gary Zimmerman

PRO SHOP

BY SKIP KOPRIVICA,
PGA GOLF PROFESSIONAL AND STAFF



Finally it feels as if summer has arrived with above average temperatures, and our golf course is in great shape. June was a month filled with bad weather to go along with many tournaments, which began with another year of rainy weather for the Mixed Pro-Am. Despite the moisture and cool temperatures we still had an average field of 16 teams along with some good scores.

The MCC Member-Member Tournament was slightly down this year with 35 teams. Results: Flight A –

1st Gross – Todd Hober/Adam Hober – Score: 213

T-2nd Gross – Dave Opitz/Bill Dunn & Cory Slocum/Tim Topp – Score: 220

T-1st Net – Gary Koprivica/Brad Dantic & Doug Smith/Jo Smith – Score: 202

T-3rd Net – Matt Sheridan/Tim Roy & Derek Pozega/Myles Link – Score: 203

5th Net – Billy Bolt/Ken Klautd – Score: 204

Flight B – 1st Gross – Scott Gurnsey/Ryan Jones – Score: 230

2nd Gross – Ken Crippen/Kurt Jacobsen – Score: 245

T-1st Net – John McAfee/Bill Lawson & Lenny Stevens/John Kovacich – Score: 208

3rd Net – Kelly Wills/Matt Morris – Score: 209

4th Net – Ron Perrin/Steve Sullivan – Score: 210

5th Net – Dennis Nisbet/Robin Nisbet – Score: 211

On Wednesday, June 18, the MCC hosted the Women's Golf Association Member-Guest Tournament. The event was again successful! The ladies enjoyed a great day on the golf course and finished up with a fun putting contest set up on the putting green in the afternoon. Special thanks go to Jean Hanich and Maxine Searles for their hard work each week for our ladies day play.

Also on June 18 was the beginning of our Junior Lessons. This year there was a committee who helped with the organization of Junior Lessons and placed a limit of 90 kids, which was filled. There will be six total weeks (four weeks left) of lessons followed by the Junior Tournament on Friday, July 25.

In June we began the 2008 President's Cup matches. The brackets are located in the back of the Pro Shop hallway. It is the player's responsibility to contact his match player and set up a time before each match deadline. We need to have more ladies sign up before trying to begin the Ladies' President's Cup matches.

June was full of tournaments; however, July has few tournaments and a lot of open play to take advantage of! Upcoming events: Saturday and Sunday, July 12 and 13, is the MCC Club Championship; Friday and Saturday, July 18 and 19, is the Men's Invitational; Friday, July 25, is the MCC Junior Tournament in the morning; and the Progressive Dinner in the evening. Please contact the Pro Shop to sign up for the Progressive Dinner!

Summer is here as the days have become warmer, so take advantage of the golf course and pool! We hope to see everyone out enjoying the Club. Remember, July is a month with few outings and tournaments. Take advantage and play as much as you can!

Skip Koprivica, Connor Sproull and Staff

Missoula Country Club 2008 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Men ★ Women ★ Juniors ★ Saturday & Sunday, July 12 & 13

Call in or sign up in person at the Pro Shop 251-2751 *(please include name, membership number & age)*

- Entry Fee: \$40.00 / charged to Your Account
- Hot Breakfast Buffet Included Both Days at 7:00 a.m.
- Shotgun Start - Saturday & Sunday at 8:30 a.m.
- No Host Luncheon Buffet Available Both Days
- Saturday - Make Your Own Pairings
- Sunday - Pairings by Score
- Mixed Derby on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. (No Fee)

In the case of a tie, a Sudden Death Playoff will be conducted for the Men's & Women's Low Gross Champion!

TOM'S TURF TALK

BY TOM RUSSELL
GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT



The heat of the summer has begun. A large mosquito hatch accompanied the arrival of warm weather. Please do not apply repellent while standing on grass. The repellent damages grasses significantly. Apply only while standing on a cart path. We have been fogging mosquitoes nightly and early morning if it is warm enough for mosquito activity. The hatch will pass, and with the

high temperatures arriving the mosquito population will drop to normal levels.

The dog days of summer have arrived with the first triple digit temperatures for the summer. I apologize for the spot watering during the day, but it is necessary this time of year.

The green committee has a web site for questions and comments. It is mccgreens@gmail.com.

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

Enjoy your golf,
Tom Russell

MISSOULA COUNTRY CLUB 2008 GOLF COURSE & TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

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>



MCC DIRECTORY CHANGES

NEW

Price, Christopher (Shalayne) TR
7642 Alta View, Msla., 59804 251-6072
Missoula Bone and Joint

Wold, Allen (Andrea) TR
212 Ben Hogan Dr., Msla. 59803 549-5758
4 Seasons Motors 728-2510

CHANGES

Peschel, Walt (Peggy) S
1720 Peggio Ln., #3, Msla., 59803 728-0947
Peggy 880-0947

RESIGNED

Cyd Grovenstein - Social
Helga McHugh – Social

MEMBERSHIP STATUS AS OF 6/18/08

PLAYING MEMBERSHIPS	432	(450 max.)
REGULAR	348	
BUSINESS	61	(80 max.)
ASSOCIATE	23	(40 max.)
NON RESIDENT	20	(25 max.)
SOCIAL	80	(120 max.)
BUSINESS SOCIAL	7	(20 max.)

WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

NEWS FROM THE RED TEES

BY SHARI LINJALA,
MCCWGA PRESIDENT



Helen Tremper Tournament Committee:
Penny Ritchie, Kate Joyce & Patsy O'Keefe



Don't forget to sign up for the
Helen Tremper Invitational
August 6, 2008
Registration forms are available
in the Pro Shop



Dawn Palmer shares
some plants with
MCC gardeners



Janet Kekich & Carol



LADIES DAY – GUEST DAY



Heidi Dewey & Becky



Neta Gail McAfee &
Melceena



Shauna Ginter & Deb



Marcia Reimers & Marilyn



Julie Chafee & Jin

GOLF RULING:

Is your golf ball unfit for play?

One of your golfing buddies just bounced their ball off the cart path and it has a severe case of road rash. She comes to you saying she is going to replace the ball because it is unfit for play. What is the rule?

Rule 5-3: Ball Unfit for Play

A ball is unfit for play if it is visibly cut, cracked, or out of shape. A ball is not unfit for play solely because mud or other materials adhere to it, its surface is scratched or scraped or its paint is damaged or discolored.

So road rash is not enough to deem a ball unfit for play. It must be visibly cut, cracked or out of shape. Rule 5-3 also tells us the following....."If a ball breaks into pieces as result of a stroke, the stroke is cancelled and the player must play a ball without penalty as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was played (see Rule 20-5)."

FRIDAY NIGHT COUPLES GOLF IS HAPPENING!!!
6 PM - \$10/COUPLE
SIGN UP AT THE PRO SHOP: 251-2751



Vivian Brooke & Leslie

**Happy
July 4th**





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. WOMEN'S LEAGUE	2 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. JUNIOR LESSONS LADIES' DAY PLAY	3 11 a.m. – 10 p.m. FUN NIGHT	4 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.	5 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. PRIVATE FUNCTION 1:30 - 6:00 PM. DINING ROOM & PATIO
6 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. BACK TO REGULAR SERVICE	7 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. LUNCH MENU ONLY	8 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. WOMEN'S LEAGUE	9 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. JUNIOR LESSONS LADIES' DAY PLAY	10 11 a.m. – 10 p.m. MENS' LEAGUE	11 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. PRIVATE FUNCTION DINING AVAILABLE IN MILLER BARBER LIBRARY COUPLES GOLF	12 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP PRIVATE FUNCTION DINING AVAILABLE IN LOUNGE
13 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	14 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. LUNCH MENU ONLY	15 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. WOMEN'S LEAGUE	16 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. JUNIOR LESSONS LADIES' DAY PLAY	17 11 a.m. – 10 p.m. MEN'S INVITATIONAL PRACTICE ROUND FUN NIGHT	18 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. MEN'S INVITATIONAL	19 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. MEN'S INVITATIONAL
20 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.	21 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. LUNCH MENU ONLY	22 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. WOMEN'S LEAGUE	23 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. JUNIOR LESSONS LADIES' DAY PLAY	24 11 a.m. – 10 p.m. MENS' LEAGUE	25 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. PROGRESSIVE DINNER MCC JUNIOR TOURNAMENT	26 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. PRIVATE FUNCTION DINING AVAILABLE IN LOUNGE
27 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. NEW MEMBERS WELCOME EVENT	28 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. PRIVATE FUNCTION DINING AVAILABLE IN LOUNGE LUNCH MENU ONLY	29 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. WOMEN'S LEAGUE	30 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. LADIES' DAY PLAY	31 11 a.m. – 10 p.m. MENS' LEAGUE	1 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. AUGUST COUPLES GOLF	2 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.
3 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.	4 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. LUNCH MENU ONLY	5 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. WOMEN'S LEAGUE	6 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. HELEN TREMPER LADIES' INVITATIONAL	7 11 a.m. – 10 p.m. FUN NIGHT	8 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. COUPLES GOLF	9 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.