



Missoula Country Club

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NEWSLETTER OF THE MISSOULA COUNTRY CLUB



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY TOM GRAVES
PRESIDENT



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2007 Board of Directors

Tom Graves President, House
Barbara Dufour..... V.P., Rules & Games
Brad DanticSec./Treas., Long-range Plan
Bob Knapp Bylaws
Mike McCourt..... Membership
Joe Johnston Greens
Janet Donahue..... Finance

Staff

Ron SvienGeneral Manager
Skip Koprivica PGA Golf Pro
Connor Sproull..... Assistant PGA Golf Pro
Tom Russell Superintendent
Scott Lennemann..... Assistant Superintendent
Nick MarvinExecutive Chef
Brook Robison Sous Chef
Sharon Jeszenka Office Manager
Dayton Scott Controller

Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Food & Beverage Service Hours – March

CLOSED MARCH 2 & 3

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.
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.

Coming to the end of one's tenure as President of MCC, I look back at five months of time spent playing, what seemed like, two roles. When we terminated our General Manager we turned to three young women who managed the bar and dining facility. Tracy, Stacie, and Megan took on and did a wonderful job bringing together the holiday season, scheduling events, staffing the dining area, and being ever present at all these functions. Complimenting them is the least I can do at this time — they worked extremely hard to keep this facility operating.

I also want to thank my fellow Board members, Barb Dufour, Brad Dantic, Janet Donahue, Joe Johnston, Bob Knapp, and Mike McCourt — for showing strength and patience with me during my year as president. I commend them all!

The Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the dining room. Packets will be mailed to all members in the next few days. Please try to attend and participate in the meeting as the Club can only meet your expectations when we receive your comments.

The website continues to improve, and it's a goal of the Board and Ron Svien, our GM, to continue to update the information we can obtain from it. The EAGLE Fund is continuing to grow strong — with close to \$750,000 in its account, and this asset will continue to strengthen the future of our Club.

All our thoughts are projected toward the golf course, with hopes that spring will bring a better conditioned course that will take us through a wonderful summer of golf.

We currently have four excellent candidates for two positions on the 2008 Board of Directors: John Dayries, Bill Gilman, Allen Pickens, and George Stern. All would be extremely competent.

My thanks to all of you for making my job easier, rewarding, and workable — and to Sharon Jeszenka and Barb Frey for carrying me on their shoulders. Lastly, I again welcome Ron Svien, our General Manager, and am confident that he will take the Missoula Country Club to new heights with his leadership.

Tom Graves

2008 Fees

Green Fees – immediate family member	\$35.00	Cart Fees –	
Regular Guest with a member	\$45.00	9 Holes	\$14.00
Reciprocal for non member	\$75.00	8 Holes	\$28.00

A guest may play six (6) times per year

When a member or guest rents a cart, there will be a charge per seat.

Annual Handicap Fee – per person	\$14.00
Annual Bag Storage – per bag	\$65.00
Annual Cart Pass	\$700.00 (limited to 12 members)

**Missoula Country Club
Food & Beverage
Hours of Operation
March 1 ~ April 5**

**Clubhouse Closed
Sunday, March 2 & Monday, March 3**

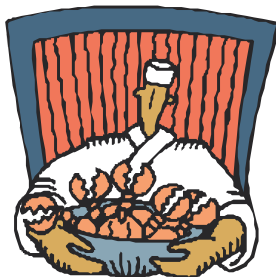
**Lunch Only Schedule 11 am ~ 3 pm
March 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 24, 25, & April 1**

**Lunch & Dinner Schedule 11 am ~ 8 pm
March 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20,
21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31
& April 2, 3, 4, 5**

**Easter Brunch Seatings ~
Sunday, March 23
10:00 am ~ 12 Noon ~ 2 pm
Clubhouse Closes @ 5 pm**



Crab Feed



Saturday, March 8, 2008
No-Host Libations 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Buffet Dinner Service Begins @ 6:30pm

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

Reservations: 251-2404
Limited to 100 People
RSVP By: 3/4/08

\$35.00 Per Person Plus Gratuity



Children's Easter Party



**Saturday, March 22, 2008
11:00 am --- 1:00 pm**

**Meet the Easter Bunny
Dye Eggs, Jump-For-Joy, Easter Egg Hunt
Special Kid's Buffet Lunch
Join us for Fun & Laughter!**

Children \$14.00 --- Adults \$7.00

F.Y.I. from the Office

- It's nearly time for the new MCC Membership Directory to be printed. Please contact me if you have any changes in your listing. Call 251-2404, fax 251-5896, or email to: sjeszenka@missoulacountryclub.com.
- Also, if you have any changes for your member file, such as spouse, children, business, marital status, membership status, address, phone number, etc., please let me know.
- When dining, and you should want to pay your bill by credit card or cash, please let your server know to put the transaction on your account (*your name on the ticket*). That way the ticket will go toward your food and beverage minimum (scrip)
- Gratuities are not used toward your minimum (scrip).
- If you want to receive your newsletter in the mail, please contact the office.
- We're still looking for email addresses if you want to be on an emailing list.



Easter Brunch



Sunday, March 23, 2008

Three Seatings ~ 10 AM ~ 12 Noon ~ 2 PM

Carved Prime Rib Aujus with Creamy Horseradish
Carved Orange-Honey Glazed Ham
Salmon Locks & Peel Shrimp

Corned Beef Hash / Country Style Potatoes / Bacon & Link Sausage
Deluxe Omelet Bar / Eggs Benedict / Scrambled Eggs with Cheese
Spinach Salad with Almonds, Grapes & Oriental Dressing
Caesar Salad / Broccoli Salad / Asian Slaw

Assorted Breads & Cheese Board
Fresh Vegetable Medley / Fresh Fruit Display
Cheese Blintzes with Raspberry Sauce
Waffle Sticks & Assorted Syrups

Assorted Cakes & Pies, Scones, Muffins & Petite Fours
Coffee, Tea, Milk, Assorted Juices, Punch Bowl

Adults \$24.00 ~ Children 7-12 \$12.00 ~ Children Under 7 \$6.00
Plus Gratuity @ 18%

Reservations are Limited to 100 People Per Seating / Call 241-2404

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 p.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>
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



Winter raised its head this season as snow came November 18, earlier than normal, and we have experienced some cold temperatures. Mike Marbut and Mark Denton got an early start by playing on Tuesday, February 12.

Most of my staff in the Pro Shop and Bag Room will be returning for

the season. I am very fortunate to have these fine people on my staff. Connor Sproull will be coming back as my Assistant Golf Professional.

The Pro Shop carries a variety of equipment, clothing, shoes, and miscellaneous items. Some of the equipment brands we carry are Adams, Callaway, Cleveland, Cobra, Mizuno, Nike, Odyssey, Ping, Taylor Made and Titleist. For golf shoes we will be stocking Foot Joy and Ecco shoes. Our clothing brands will include Antigua, Ashworth, Ben Hogan, EP Pro, Fairway and Greene, Imperial, Mizuno, Ping, SDI, Sport Haley, Sun Mountain, and Tail. We will be happy to special order for you and please let us know if you have any special requests.

We provide professional club fitting for most any club you would like. We fit for shaft flex, length, lie angle and grip size. Our prices are competitive with discount stores along with providing free professional

fitting. I have the Callaway Optifit System for drivers and irons. It offers a number of different shafts that can be screwed into a number of different Callaway driver and iron heads. The Missoula Country Club Pro Shop is the only shop in Montana to offer the Optifit system. We also sell new and used golf carts, cart accessories, and cart batteries.

We will be offering 2 free group clinics to our members again this year. The men's clinics will be Tuesday, April 22 and 29 at 6:00 p.m., and the ladies' clinics will be on Wednesday, the 23rd and 30th. We also offer individual private lessons and series of lessons.

Men's League forms will be sent out with the February statements. Please return completed league forms with money by April 1. A team must have four or more members to be considered a league team. The application form must include the entire team's fee including the sponsor fee. Please make sure you fill out the form completely including the team's name. Open subs send in your form and fees by April 1. Make sure you include your phone number or numbers where you can be reached during the week. Our Men's League dinner will be Thursday, April 17, and the first night of league will be Thursday, April 24.

We look forward to seeing everyone out on the golf course.

Skip Koprivica, Connor Sproull and Staff

MCC DIRECTORY CHANGES

NEW

Beatty, Patrick (Charlotte) S
7755 Grant Cr. Rd., Msla. 59808 728-7705
Physician (Patrick)
Attorney-law clerk (Charlotte)
Huguet, Kevin S
1101 W. Greenough Dr.#C2, Msla. 59802
Office Solutions & Services 541-2020
(previously a Business Social membership)
Slocum, Cory A
5112 23rd Ave., Msla. 59803 544-8988
Pharmacy Intern

CHANGE

VanStrydonck, John (Mary Ann) R
P.O. Box 7487, Msla. 59807

DROPPED

Peter Dart – Regular
Paul Davenport – Regular
Steve Lotto – Social
Scott Schroeder – Social
Isabel Singer – Social
Zane Sullivan - Business

MEMBERSHIP STATUS AS OF 2/27/08

PLAYING MEMBERSHIPS	422	(450 max.)
REGULAR	343	
BUSINESS	60	(80 max.)
ASSOCIATE	19	(40 max.)
NON RESIDENT	20	(25 max.)
SOCIAL	86	(120 max.)
BUSINESS SOCIAL	8	(20 max.)

TOM'S TURF TALK

BY TOM RUSSELL
GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT



The 2008 golf season is off and running with play on temporary greens. Winter and cold weather have not left for the year, but the regular greens look in good condition at this time. Fairways that we can observe have wintered well. Greens will be topdressed as soon as conditions allow, and greens will be

open when they are firm enough to handle traffic.

A design of the irrigation system was not located, but the reprogramming of the hydraulic flow of the system is complete. This will allow the extremities of the course to operate more efficiently. If anybody has knowledge of a design or an as-built of the system, please contact me.

The cart path project approved from the EAGLE Fund is in progress. Lower bids have allowed the section adjacent to #1 green to be included in the

project. When complete, the paths from #10 and #16 green to #11 tee, and the path from #1 green to #2 tee will be concrete. The driving range net project is moving forward. The net has been ordered, and the labor side has gone to bid. There will be two sections. The tee section will be 20 feet high and use steel poles to eliminate guide wires. The lower section will be 40 feet high and installed on a straight line for strength. The equipment from EAGLE Fund has been ordered or purchased.

Winter tree trimming and removal is going well. Trees of poor quality, declining health and in competition with more valuable species were removed. Trimming is ongoing, and cabling will take place this spring and summer.

The green committee has a website for questions and comments. It is mccgreens@gmail.com. Please call with questions or comments. My cell number is 544-6361.

Stretch and swing hard,
Tom Russell

MANAGER'S MEMOS

BY RON SVIEN
GENERAL MANAGER

I am very pleased to be back in Montana, however, even more pleased to be here at Missoula Country Club. I have always considered MCC to be one of three top private equity clubs boasting a mature, classic-style golf course in the state -- the other two on my list are Meadowlark Country Club and Yellowstone Country Club.

I know our Club has faced some real challenges during the past two years and these issues are being addressed, as I am working closely with the Board, Committee(s) and Staff to provide the best possible conditions, quality and service to our members and guests. Financial budgets are always a challenge and our current budget review work has been just that. In preparation for the March 26th Annual General Membership Meeting, the financial and budget information will be mailed to you in early March.

The Board and I are also working on the development of two membership programs - Trial Membership Plan and Membership Initiation Fee Finance Plan. Look for these plans to be announced in the very near future.

The lunch & dinner menus were recently updated

and we have received a lot of positive feedback. Refreshing the menu items will become a regular and routine practice as we go forward. A new scorecard is currently in the process of being developed and will be completed in early March.

Due to the fact we are just coming out of winter, the Food & Beverage operation hours have not yet been reinstated to full capacity; however, these hours have been increased over what they were in January and February. Please refer to the MCC Food & Beverage Hours of Operation schedule, which is located elsewhere within this publication.

My door is always open, so please feel free to stop by anytime. You can also contact me by telephone at 251-2404 or by e-mail. My e-mail address is rsvien@missoulacountryclub.com

In closing I will leave you with one of my favorite quotes...

"Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, determined effort and skillful execution."

Ron Svien

WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

NEWS FROM THE RED TEES

BY SHARI LINJALA,
MCCWGA PRESIDENT



From the USGA Rules of Golf and the R & A, did you know...

Rule 3-2; Rules of Amateur Status:

An amateur golfer must not accept a prize (other than a symbolic prize) or prize voucher of retail value in excess of \$750 or the equivalent.... This limit applies to the total prize or prize vouchers received by an amateur golfer in any one competition or series of competitions.

Exception: A prize, including a cash prize, for a hole-in-one made while playing golf may exceed the above prize limit....

So... all of you who have been holding off making that hole-in-one, for fear of losing your amateur status, go ahead and get it done this year. We'll be watching for lot of them at the club!!

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- March 11 Captain's Meeting
- April 29 Ladies Night League Begins
- April 30 Ladies Kickoff Breakfast
- May 7 Day's Play Begins
- June 4 Ladies Mixed Pro-am
- June 18 Day's Play Guest Day
- July 12-13 Club Championship
- August 6 Helen Tremper Ladies Invitational



2008 WGA Dues (\$30) --

please send to:

Penny Ritchie
P.O. Box 70
Florence MT 59833

2008 Team Registration Forms --

please send to:

Kerri Flaig
3216 Queen Street
Missoula MT 59801

"Golf Diet:
Live on greens
as much as possible"



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 _____

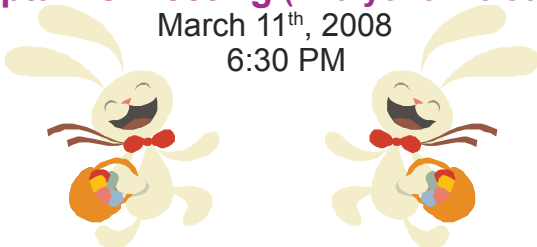
Player #4 _____ Phone _____

Player #5 _____ Phone _____

Other/Sub _____ Phone _____

Captain's meeting (Everyone Welcome)

March 11th, 2008
6:30 PM



Ladies Kickoff Breakfast

April 30th, 2008

9:00 AM -- Breakfast; 10:00 AM -- Golf
(for those of you who want to play)

Cost is \$7.50

Call Jean Hanich (251-5244); or
Maxine Searles (721-7297); or
sign up in the Pro Shop



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
2 CLOSED	3 CLOSED	4 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. LUNCH ONLY	5 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.	6 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.	7 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. PRIVATE FUNCTION DINING AVAILABLE IN LOUNGE	8 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. CRAB FEED 5:30 RESERVATIONS ONLY
9 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. LUNCH ONLY	10 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. LUNCH ONLY	11 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. LUNCH ONLY	12 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.	13 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.	14 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. PRIVATE FUNCTION DINING AVAILABLE IN LOUNGE	15 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
16 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. LUNCH ONLY	17 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCH ONLY	18 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. LUNCH ONLY	19 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.	20 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. PRIVATE FUNCTION DINING AVAILABLE IN LOUNGE	21 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. WINE TASTING DINING AVAILABLE IN LOUNGE	22 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. KID'S EASTER PARTY 11:00 - 1:00
23 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. EASTER BRUNCH 10:00, 12:00, 2:00 NO DINNER SERVICE	24 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. LUNCH ONLY	25 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. LUNCH ONLY	26 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:00 DINING IN LOUNGE	27 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.	28 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.	29 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
30 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. MCC BUFFET DINNER	31 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. MCC BUFFET DINNER	1 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. APRIL 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.