

# MISSOULA COUNTRY CLUB

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NEWSLETTER OF THE MISSOULA COUNTRY CLUB



# MANAGER'S MEMOS

BY RON SVIEN



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### 2009 Board of Directors & Committee Chairs

Joe Johnston .....	President/Bylaws
Allen Pickens .....	Vice President/Finance
John Dayries .....	Secretary-Treasurer/Green
Janet Donahue .....	Long Range Planning
Myles Link .....	House
Justin Anderson .....	Rules & Games
Bob Tutskey .....	Membership
Barbara Dufour .....	Immediate Past President
Wayne Capp .....	Eagle Fund
Rocky Ginter .....	Handicap - Ad hoc

### 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

Every Day  
10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

### Lunch Service Hours

Every Day  
11 a.m.

### Dinner Service Hours

Tuesday through Saturday  
5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

The Easter Brunch (3-seatings) was very successful with 233 people attending. Many thanks to Megan, Brook and the staff for a job well done! We have 3-seatings for Mother's Day Brunch on May 10...make your reservations soon as we are filling up fast.

The Board has adopted a new Hole-In-One Policy, and this information has been posted within this publication. The Membership Drive is in its last month and will end on May 31, 2009. Bob Tutskey and the Membership Committee have been working very hard to ensure the success of the '09 Membership Drive, and to date fourteen new members have joined us here at MCC. Now is certainly a great time to join, so if you know of someone who is interested, please have them contact the office @ 251-2404.

The Swimming Pool will open for the Memorial Day Weekend on May 22 through May 25. The Pool will then be closed on May 26, 27, 28, 29 and will reopen for the season on May 30 through September 7, 2009. The Swim Lesson Schedule has been posted within this publication. Please contact the office if you have any questions regarding pool hours of operation or provided services.

Both Ladies' and Men's Leagues have started the new season, and we are off to a great start. The 31st Barnett Memorial is taking shape as Skip has received a lot of tournament applications, and as many people have previously noted, this is the "Montana Masters". We look forward to hosting this event.

Rocky Ginter is the Handicap Ad hoc Committee Chair for 2009 and the committee requests your attention to proper handicap management by posting all of your scores. The Committee has also developed monthly drawing incentives to encourage posting. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact Rocky @ 251-4532.

We express our deepest sympathies to the family of Hannah Fox for their loss. Hannah passed away on April 22nd and had been a MCC Member since 1966.

**May 2009**  
**Restaurant & Bar Hours of Operation**

**Sunday & Monday**  
Lunch Service 11 am to 7 pm • Bar Service 10 am to 9 pm

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,**  
**Friday & Saturday**  
Lunch Menu Served 11 am to 9 pm  
Dinner Service 5 pm to 9 pm • Bar Service 10 am to 9 pm

**A C E R**  
**OF THE MONTH**  
Derek Colberg  
Hole #2  
175 Yards - 5 Iron  
April 12, 2009



*In Memoriam*  
*Hannah Fox*  
9/11/1919 – 4/22/2009

# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY JOE JOHNSTON

It's official, the golf season is finally in full swing, and our busy season is upon us. There are a couple of important dates to keep in mind. First, our 31st annual Don Barnett Memorial Day (a.k.a. The Montana Masters) Golf Tournament is filling up quickly with one of the state's best fields. This is a great opportunity for us to showcase the Club to our out of town guests. This event, which averages about 175-200 players, also helps our Club with additional green fees, food and beverage revenues. Secondly, Memorial Day weekend always signifies the opening of the MCC pool (weather permitting).

Due to your efforts and our membership

committee our Club is now at a very sustainable membership level. There is a very fine line between having too many members while still satisfying all our expectations of belonging to a private club. It is now up to you, the membership, to use the facilities and enjoy our Club's hospitality with your friends and families.

Finally, just a few reminders regarding golf course etiquette; please remember to repair your ball marks, refill your divots, and keep your pace of play around four hours or less for 18 holes. It is one of the main reasons we enjoy the MCC and its surroundings so much.



## 2009 SWIM LESSON SCHEDULE



Sign up at the Pool with a Lifeguard anytime during regular pool hours (11:00 am to 9:00 pm) on the days indicated below.

### SESSION 1

June 15 - 25 / 9:00 am to 11:00 am  
Signup from June 1 through June 14

### SESSION 2

June 29 – July 9 / 9:00 am to 11:00 am  
Signup from June 15 through June 28

### SESSION 3

July 13 – July 23  
Signup from June 29 through July 12

### SESSION 4

July 27 – August 6  
Signup from July 13 through July 26

### SESSION 5

August 10 – August 20  
Signup from July 27 through August 9

### LESSON PRICES

Private (1 Child) \$75 Per Two Week Session  
Semi-Private (2 Children) \$60 Per Two Week Session

### POOL FOOD SERVICE

MCC provides a 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 or beverages from outside MCC is allowed.

### 2009 SWIMMING POOL SEASON

The Pool opens for the Memorial Day Weekend May 22 – 25, and then opens for the "Official Pool Season" on May 30 and closes on September 8.

## HOLE-IN-ONE POLICY H-1

IT SHALL BE POLICY to issue one complimentary beverage per Member and accompanied Guest of a Member for a Hole-In-One achievement. Distribution of beverages shall begin on the day the Hole-in-One is achieved and shall continue for a period not exceeding seventy-two hours thereafter. Beverages shall be consumed on the premises and no rain checks shall be issued. Every time a Hole-In-One is achieved, a \$2.00 beverage fee shall be charged to each Golfing Membership Account. On November 1st of each year (official end of the golf season), the remaining Hole-In-One proceeds shall be divided equally and disbursed as a credit on the statements of each Member who achieved a Hole-In-One during the year.

(11/19/2008) (Rev: 4/22/2009)

## PRO SHOP

BY SKIP KOPRIVICA,  
PGA GOLF PROFESSIONAL AND STAFF



The last couple of days have brought sunshine and warm weather which has been enjoyed by all. We had 190 rounds of golf played on Sunday, April 19. The 18th annual High School Fundraiser Golf Tournament was played on Saturday, April 18. The golfers enjoyed good weather, and the tournament had a full field

as it has had every year. A special thanks to the Missoula Country Club members for hosting the fundraiser. Also, thanks to Bob Minto at Alps, Bill Squires at Blackfoot Communications for providing the tee prizes, and Rick Reimers at Sun Mountain for providing the food for the fundraiser. The money raised goes to the four high school golf programs. This has allowed golf to stay in the high schools. We raised just over \$28,000 in 2008, and this year's event was also successful.

Men's League started Thursday, April 23, and the Ladies' Tuesday Night League started off with a fun night on Tuesday, April 28, along with Women's daytime play that started Wednesday, May 6. Our Mother's Day tournament will be held on Sunday, May 10. It is normal play, so please sign up before you tee off. Our annual Don Barnett Memorial Day Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, May 23, through Monday, May 25. Our Ladies' Mixed Pro Am will be on Wednesday, June 3 with the course

opening after 12:30 p.m. Our Member Member Tournament will be played on Saturday and Sunday, June 13 and 14. Applications are in the Pro Shop, so get a partner and have an enjoyable time.

We continue to have new merchandise arrive daily. The Callaway Golf Company has a terrific promotion through May 31. If you purchase a set of X22 irons (eight irons), you receive a free wedge. If you purchase a Diablo driver, you get a Diablo fairway wood for a dollar. If you purchase a FT IQ driver or an FT9 driver, you get a square fairway wood for a dollar or two X fairway woods for a dollar.

Special thanks to Rocky Ginter for the nice job he is doing as Handicap Chairman. Please post your scores and adjust them before posting.

Please check in before teeing off and give us the names of the players in your group. We are responsible for tracking the number of rounds played and knowing who is on the golf course.

Play well.

*Very important – please check the Rules in the MCC Directory or the lists posted in the Pro Shop for the Junior Playing Times, and be sure to check in at the Pro Shop before teeing off.*

### MCC Bar / Cart

6-Pack Domestic Beer: \$7.50

6-Pack Imported Beer: \$13.50

Sandwiches: \$5.00

## I'M ALRIGHT



By Carl Spackler

A lady at the club recently asked me if I could "make" her husband more romantic. After a moment of reflection, I said about the best I could do is make him a grilled cheese sandwich. I've got a great recipe where you wrap it in foil, and cook it on the manifold of the greens mower. I learned early in life that the only thing you can change in a relationship is yourself. My epiphany came while my Dad was whipping the tar out of my brother and me for smoking in the barn. I came to understand the carrot and stick system, and quickly learned that I liked carrots better.

The Mrs. recently described relationships as an experiment. I think she was speaking generically, and not just about me. Think of it as research. Don't let the fear of failure keep you from trying new things. In the words of the great romantic PePe Le Pew, "Ze game of love eez never called on account of darkness." So guys, let's try to come up with some ways to fire up our relationships with the ladies, and don't be afraid to try some innovative and remarkable ideas (remember - romance doesn't start in the bedroom, so I'm talking breakfast on the patio, NOT massage oil). In the words of hockey great Wayne Gretzky, "I miss 100 percent of the shots I never take." And ladies, don't be afraid to distribute some motivational carrots. Celebrate small victories – they are the building blocks for great success!

This month's column is dedicated to long time friend and MCC member Kenny Reesman who truly knew how to ENJOY LIFE! Happy trails Kenny!

cspackler@rocketmail.com

# FOOD AND BEVERAGE

BY MEGAN SUDDABY,  
FOOD & BEVERAGE MANAGER

## Mother's Day Brunch

**Sunday, May 10, 2009**

**Three Seatings**

**9:30 AM ~ 12:00 Noon ~ 2:00 PM**

Carved Prime Rib Au jus  
Baked Lemon Butter Halibut

Seafood Pasta • Country Potatoes • Sausage • Bacon  
Eggs Benedict • Scrambled Eggs w/Cheese  
Designer Omelet Bar

Caesar Salad • Apple Waldorf Salad • Cucumber & Tomato Salad  
Fresh Seasonal Fruit • Strawberries~Devonshire  
Cheese Board • Assorted Breads • Fresh Seasonal Vegetables  
Belgian Waffles w/Assorted Syrups

Assorted Cakes, Pies & Scones

Champagne • Coffee • Tea • Milk • Assorted Juices • Punch Bowl

Adults \$25.00 ~ Children 7-12 \$12.00 ~ Children Under 7 \$6.00  
Plus Gratuity @ 18%

**Reservations are limited to 90 people per seating**  
**Call 251-2404**



**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



## MCC DIRECTORY CHANGES

### NEW

Cochrum, Jerry (Gwen) R 5764 Ellison Ln., Florence 59833	273-2380
DeMarois, Lew (Lori) B 1705 Homestead Dr., Msla. 59808 DeMarois Buick GMC	542-2609 721-4000
Dick, Kelsey (Ryan) A 241 Beverly Ave., Msla. 59801 Big Sky Medical, Inc.	829-1461 880-8000
Gibbs, Matt (Adele) R 6100 Marias St., Msla. 59803 Alligiance Benefit Plan Mgmt.	251-7933 523-3164
Kaleva, Elizabeth (Joel) B 204 Simons Dr., Msla. 59803 Elizabeth A. Kaleva, P.C.	542-1300
Laird, Cory (Brynn) R 715 Polk St., Msla. 59802 Reep & Bell, P.C.	541-3571 541-4100
Smith, Buck (Julie) R 7499 Teigen Ct., Msla. 59803 Northwest Acceptance Corp.	251-2605 543-0596
Tudahl, Dan (Debbie) B 2345 Blue Mtn. Rd., Msla. 59804 Tudahl Contracting	721-1910 251-8025

White, Terry (Sabrina) R 2331 Valley View Dr., Msla. 59803 Missoula Youth Court	251-2947 258-4735
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### CHANGE

Aaron Bay R  
Hannah Fox H

### RESIGNED

Rod Huff – Regular  
Hannah Fox – Honorary (deceased 4/22/09)

### MEMBERSHIP STATUS AS OF 4/22/09

<b>PLAYING MEMBERSHIPS</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>(450 max.)</b>
<b>REGULAR</b>	<b>330</b>	
<b>BUSINESS</b>	<b>64</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 monthly articles are sometimes difficult as they are published several weeks after they are written. Last month I wrote that areas in the aerated portions of greens suffered damage, but growth was pushing out in the crown of the plant. Now the damage is obviously caused by equipment during

topdressing the aerated areas. Most maintenance is stressful to plants in the short run but important to the continuing health of the plant. The stress of equipment was significant enough to tip them from recovery to death especially in the tire tracks. The aeration procedure makes sense to control ice injury during the winter, however, the risk for getting greens into play in the spring is obviously too great to continue the late aeration process. The good news is the cover on six green has been a success two years in a row. I am going to try to expand the use of green covers for next winter. The aerated portions of

1, 3, 7, and 13 greens were overseeded on April 21. The greens are covered in the evenings to maintain warmth for seed germination. Normally, soils are too cold to attempt seeding at this time of year. However, we want to get the greens in good condition as soon as possible.

The irrigation transformation from hydraulic to electric control is, hopefully, complete as this article is published. Most of the work was completed on both sides of the busy golf season. Half of the wire and sprinkler installation was completed in November with the second half completed in March and early April. At this time controllers are being wired, and the testing has begun. This new control will significantly enhance water management with the control of individual sprinklers.

We are playing catch up with spring projects due to the irrigation project. I apologize for any inconvenience during our busy project season. Please call 241-6031 with questions or comments.

The green committee has an email address for questions and comments. It is [mccgreens@gmail.com](mailto:mccgreens@gmail.com).

Enjoy your golf.

## MISSOULA COUNTRY CLUB 2009 GOLF COURSE & TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

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



### DAYS PLAY BEGINS MAY 6TH

Tee Times begin at 9:00 AM every Wednesday.  
Weekly Low Gross & Low Net prizes.  
One special event each month.

### MEET YOUR WGA OFFICERS:



Janet Donahue, Penny Ritchie, Shari Linjala,  
Bonnie Snowden & Patsy O'Keefe

### Golf Ruling

#### Lines or Arrows Used to mark Golf Ball

**Q.** It is recommended placing an identification mark on my golf ball. May I use a line or an arrow that will also help me align the club face?

**A.** Rules 6-5 and 12-2 state that each player should put an identification mark on his ball. Thus, the Rules do not limit the type of markings a player may put on the ball (i.e. arrows, lines, words, etc). Additionally, there is no penalty for using such lines to "line up" prior to a stroke on the putting green or any place else on the course.

*Just don't get so involved in this that you slow down play!*



Ruth Ann Dupperon, Julie Houk, Lisa Bakker,  
Rosie Meltzer & Jan Dean



#### Wednesday Bridge Players:

Laura Kesel, Julie Chaffee, Evie Kougioulis,  
Joyce Springer, Lani Tabish, Diane Sheridan,  
Jean Wilson & Arlene Breum

#### LADIES MIXED PRO AM

Please join Skip, Conner & Justin in the  
Ladies Mixed Pro-AM at the MCC  
Wednesday, June 3rd

Signup sheets available in the Pro Shop.  
\$55 fee includes lunch and prizes.  
Lots of spaces available.

Call Beth Loehnen with questions (721-7517)



#### HIGH SCHOOL FUNDRAISER APRIL 18th



Kate Joyce, Sherry Stern  
& Sue O'Neil-Stage



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MISSOULA COUNTRY CLUB



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>DAILY BAR SERVICE 10-9</b>					<b>1</b> 11 am - 9 pm FULL SERVICE  HANNAH FOX MEMORIAL - NOON	<b>2</b> 11 am - 9 pm FULL SERVICE
<b>3</b> Lunch Service 11 am-7 pm	<b>4</b> Lunch Service 11 am-7 pm	<b>5</b> 11 am - 9 pm FULL SERVICE  PRIVATE EVENT 5:00 IN MILLER BARBER LIBRARY WOMEN'S LEAGUE	<b>6</b> 11 am - 9 pm FULL SERVICE  PRIVATE FUNCTION MEMBER DINING AVAILABLE IN LOUNGE WOMEN'S DAY PLAY	<b>7</b> 11 am - 9 pm FULL SERVICE  PRIVATE LUNCHEON IN DINING ROOM MEMBER DINING AVAILABLE IN LOUNGE MEN'S LEAGUE	<b>8</b> 11 am - 9 pm FULL SERVICE	<b>9</b> 11 am - 9 pm FULL SERVICE
<b>MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH</b> 9:30-NOON-2:00	<b>11</b> Lunch Service 11 am-7 pm	<b>12</b> 11 am - 9 pm FULL SERVICE  WOMEN'S LEAGUE	<b>13</b> 11 am - 9 pm FULL SERVICE  WOMEN'S DAY PLAY	<b>14</b> 11 am - 9 pm FULL SERVICE  MEN'S LEAGUE	<b>15</b> 11 am - 9 pm FULL SERVICE  PRIVATE FUNCTION MEMBER DINING AVAILABLE IN MILLER BARBER LIBRARY	<b>16</b> 11 am - 9 pm FULL SERVICE
<b>17</b> Lunch Service 11 am-7 pm	<b>18</b> Lunch Service 11 am-7 pm	<b>19</b> 11 am - 9 pm FULL SERVICE  WOMEN'S LEAGUE	<b>20</b> 11 am - 9 pm FULL SERVICE  WOMEN'S DAY PLAY	<b>21</b> 11 am - 9 pm FULL SERVICE  MEN'S LEAGUE	<b>22</b> 11 am - 9 pm FULL SERVICE  POOL OPEN	<b>23</b> 11 am - 9 pm FULL SERVICE  BARNETT MEMORIAL DAY TOURNAMENT POOL OPEN
<b>24</b> Lunch Service 11 am-7 pm  BARNETT MEMORIAL DAY TOURNAMENT POOL OPEN	<b>25</b> Lunch Service 11 am-7 pm  BARNETT MEMORIAL DAY TOURNAMENT (COURSE OPENS 7:00) POOL OPEN	<b>26</b> 11 am - 9 pm FULL SERVICE  WOMEN'S LEAGUE POOL CLOSED	<b>27</b> 11 am - 9 pm FULL SERVICE  WOMEN'S DAY PLAY POOL CLOSED	<b>28</b> 11 am - 9 pm FULL SERVICE  MEN'S LEAGUE POOL CLOSED	<b>29</b> 11 am - 9 pm FULL SERVICE  POOL CLOSED	<b>30</b> 11 am - 9 pm FULL SERVICE  POOL OPENS FOR SEASON
<b>31</b> Lunch Service 11 am-7 pm	<b>1</b> Lunch Service 11 am-7 pm  <b>JUNE</b>	<b>2</b> 11 am - 9 pm FULL SERVICE  WOMEN'S LEAGUE	<b>3</b> 11 am - 9 pm FULL SERVICE  LADIES' MIXED PRO-AM (COURSE OPENS 1:00)	<b>4</b> 11 am - 9 pm FULL SERVICE  MEN'S LEAGUE	<b>5</b> 11 am - 9 pm FULL SERVICE	<b>6</b> 11 am - 9 pm FULL SERVICE  PRIVATE FUNCTION MEMBER DINING AVAILABLE IN LOUNGE