

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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2008 Board of Directors

Barbara Dufour.....	President, House
Joe Johnston	V.P., Green, Eagle Fund
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Bob Knapp	Membership
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Allen Pickens.....	Finance
Mike McCourt.....	Bylaws

Staff

Ron Svien	General Manager
Skip Koprivica	PGA Golf Pro
Connor Sproull.....	Assistant PGA Golf Pro
Tom Russell	Superintendent
Scott Lennemann.....	Assistant Superintendent
Nick Marvin	Executive Chef
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.

Bar Service Hours

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Thursday, Friday, Saturday
10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Lunch Service Hours

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Dinner Service Hours

Thursday, Friday, Saturday
4 p.m. – 9 p.m.

In order to effectively operate the restaurant and bar operations it will be necessary to implement schedule and procedural amendments associated with these departments. Therefore, the following Restaurant and Bar hours of operation schedule has been implemented for the months of October, November, December, January and February.

October, November & December: Lunch Service available daily from 11 am to 4 pm. Dinner Service available on three days – Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 4 pm to 9 pm. Bar Service hours 10 am to 8 pm daily, and 10 am to 9 pm on Dinner nights.

January & February: Clubhouse Closed Sunday and Monday; Lunch Service - 11 am to 4 pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; Dinner Service – 4 pm to 9 pm Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Bar service hours 10 am to 8 pm on Tuesday and Wednesday, and 10 am to 9 pm on Dinner nights.

It has been a past practice to close the Clubhouse during the first two weeks of January for maintenance work, etc. However, from a financial perspective this has not been a productive practice for our Club. Therefore, rather than close the Clubhouse for two consecutive weeks in January, we will only be closed on the two slowest days of the week (Sunday & Monday) during January and February. Additionally, the “*January F&B Scrip Minimum*” will be billed in January rather than waived and doubled in February.

Please feel free to contact Megan Suddaby or myself if you have any questions regarding this or any other matters concerning the Clubhouse and/or the Food & Beverage operations.

Restaurant & Bar - Hours of Operation

October - November - December 2008

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Lunch Service 11 am to 4 pm / Bar Service 10 am to 8 pm

Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Lunch service 11 am to 4 pm / Dinner Service 4 pm to 9 pm
Bar Service 10 am to 9 pm

January / February 2009

Sunday & Monday

Clubhouse Closed – No Food & Beverage Services Available

Tuesday & Wednesday

Lunch Service 11 am to 4 pm / Bar Service 10 am to 8 pm

Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Lunch Service 11 am to 4 pm / Dinner Service 4 pm to 9 pm
Bar Service 10 am to 9 pm

I'M ALRIGHT



By Carl Spackler

As a maintenance guy who spends a lot of time trying to blow up gophers, you may not think I'd know much about relationships. But, I have two words that will add romance to your life - DATE NIGHT! My roadmap to romance involves a monthly special couple's night with no kids, cell phone or other distractions. It doesn't have to be a fancy or expensive evening, but you have to talk to each other! You each get to plan six dates a year on alternating months, and you might share the excitement of planning, or make it a surprise. Like learning a golf swing, it may take a little practice to master the idea.

A couple years ago I brought the Mrs. to the Club to celebrate our anniversary. There was an older couple there to observe their anniversary as well. They were both dressed for an evening out, and

the gentleman, and truly he was, had arranged for a special dinner to be cooked tableside. He definitely understood the language of love and the importance of a special occasion.

Try this out and use some of the Club facilities. I'm sure Megan can arrange a personal chef at your table in the dining room, a special candlelit dinner in the Miller Barber Library, or a table for two at the hot dog stand. Or, I can grill up some brats at the maintenance shed.

Enjoy each other and enjoy life!

Comments or Suggestions:
cspackler@rocketmail.com

We recently received a complaint from a member regarding his license plate being defaced with a sharpie marker on three separate occasions while his vehicle was parked at the Club. Although we believe this is merely a prank, this is considered vandalism, and in accordance with our Club bylaws and regulation policies, this is not acceptable and will not be tolerated.

MCC DIRECTORY CHANGES

NEW

Khoury, Devin A	
6028 Hobson Ln., Msla. 59803	207-8200
ABC Seamless	721-2649
Lambros Real Estate	532-9200
Sells, Charles T. (Rebecca Ettien) R	
4910 Jaiden Ln., Msla. 59803	251-8017

CHANGES

Bonfilio, Eugene (Lynn) R
 Buseman, Lisa (William) R
 Danicich, John (Michele) R
 Hansen, James (Pamela) R
 Hober, Todd R
 Winn, Grant (Charity) R
 Meese, Mary Pat S
 Sherrard, Jerry (Linda) R
 2404 Garland Dr., Msla. 59803

RESIGNED

Bill Caras - Social
 Jorrun Liston – Social
 Ken Meriwether - Social
 William Nolan – Social
 Mark Snyder – Social
 Jack Smith – Social

MEMBERSHIP STATUS AS OF 9/17/08

PLAYING MEMBERSHIPS	436	(450 max.)
REGULAR	349	(includes 14 Trial Members)
BUSINESS	63	(80 max.)
ASSOCIATE	24	(40 max.)
NON RESIDENT	20	(25 max.)
SOCIAL	73	(120 max.)
BUSINESS SOCIAL	7	(20 max.)

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

BY MEGAN SUDDABY,
FOOD & BEVERAGE MANAGER

The fall season is here! We will be introducing an updated menu to include seasonal dishes and suggestions of entrees we have received from the current comment cards. I encourage any member who has suggestions or requests for menu items to contact the food and beverage office.

The Griz are off to another great football season, and there is no better place to watch the Griz in action during away games than the Missoula Country Club Lounge. Come cheer on your team while enjoying drink specials, appetizer features, and raffle prizes. Join us October 4 at 1:05 p.m., October 11 at 3:05 p.m., October 25 at 12:05 p.m., and November 8 at 2:05 p.m.

Mark your calendars for the 2008 Tom & Jerry party. This year's event will be held on Sunday, December 7, at 5:00 p.m. The Missoula Country Club will be hosting complementary Tom & Jerry's and seasonal beverages with light appetizers from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. This event is a great way to meet new members of the Club and relax during the holiday season.

Dates for holiday parties during the month of December are filling fast! If you would like to host a holiday party for your business or friends and family, please contact Megan at (406) 251-2404.

Autumn is my favorite season in Montana. Driving into the Missoula Country Club becomes a spectacular sight as the leaves start to change color and fall peacefully off each tree. It is a great time to get out and enjoy the last few rounds of golf for the season. I hope to see you and your family enjoying a beautiful Montana fall at the Missoula Country Club.



PRO SHOP

BY SKIP KOPRIVICA,
PGA GOLF PROFESSIONAL AND STAFF



Fall is officially here as the leaves have begun to change their color along with the cool morning temperatures. However, there is still plenty of golf to be played. Men's and women's leagues have finished up for the season. We still have a few warm, sunny fall

days left, so make sure to take advantage, snow will be here before we know it!

Men's league finished up with the Westside Lanes & Fun Center taking the championship. The Westside Lanes team consisted of Norm Carey, Dave Hickman, Paul Sepp, Loren Ward, George Stern, and Dave Kinsey. 2nd place went to American-Seamless-Siding with Damian Khoury, Kurt McDonough, Larry Lamb, Greg Tabish, Sean Hauser, and Jeff Shay.

We hosted the annual Grizzly Roundball Tournament on Friday, September 12, with a full field of 38 teams (152 players) along with 19 celebrities. The weather was awesome this year with sunny skies and warm temperatures. Everyone seemed to have a great time the entire afternoon. Along with the money raised for the Grizzly basketball program, the Missoula Country Club also brought in a lot of revenue. Special thanks goes out to Bill Weaver, Lonnie Warner, Dee Butorac, and the Roundball committee for

all their dedicated time and hard work. They did an unbelievable job working many months to help this tournament succeed and raise a great deal of money for the basketball program.

On Monday, September 22, the Club hosted the Peaks and Prairies sponsored by the Golf Course Superintendent's Association. They had a total of 84 players on a cool rainy and windy day, but everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. A special thanks goes to Tom and Lori Russell for putting together the outing, which was a success!

On Wednesday, October 8, the League of Cities will have a small outing consisting of 30-40 players. The outing will not close the course. They will have tee times from 9 a.m. till 10:30 a.m. This will bring a good amount of revenue to the Club!

As of today all tournament credit has been posted to everyone's account, including both men's and ladies league credits. If you have credit on your account, please use it by November 1. We will be getting two more handicap cards before the end of the season. The first one will be out by the time you receive this newsletter, and the last card will come out at the end of October.

Make sure to take advantage of our fall clothing specials and new fall merchandise that has arrived. Get out and enjoy the last few nice days of the 2008 season!

Skip Koprivica, Connor Sproull, and Staff



TOM'S TURF TALK

BY TOM RUSSELL
GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT



Leaves are beginning to fall signifying the colder weather ahead. This time of year is when the plans for the coming year are discussed and approved.

The Eagle fund process is moving through the committee and then will go to the Board and membership. The number one priority for the golf course is the irrigation system. The proposal is to change from hydraulic control to electric control. We have battled the hydraulics for years, and the situation is getting worse. The manifold at the base of each controller that converts the electric signal from the controller to hydraulic control that turns on and off each head are developing problems continually. The seeping from the manifold leads to seeping heads in the field. This is especially prevalent in the perimeter of the golf course. The line pressure and the hydraulic pressure are exactly the same. The only advantage the sprinkler has to shut off flow to the head is a 15 pound spring in the bottom valve. As seeps in the hydraulic manifold and entire hydraulic system develop, control to the heads is lost and heads begin to seep or leak slightly. This is what we have battled, for example, on 7 fairway. The second major benefit to electric control is the ability to turn on or off every head on the golf course. With the current system, heads are turned on in blocks of usually three heads. If we want one of the three heads to operate, all three heads have to be turned on. Water management is very important in golf course operations, and this Eagle fund expenditure will greatly improve the ability to manage effectively.

The second priority for the golf course Eagle fund requests is an artificial teeing surface for one slot on the third tier of the driving range tee. This will allow members to practice off a very good hitting surface early and late in the golf season. The new surface will allow the rest of

the teeing area to be protected during times of no growth. Currently, by the time grass begins to germinate the tee is entirely full of divots, and we play catch up the rest of the year.

Three other items proposed did not make it through the Eagle fund committee. They were a used mower for road right-of-way areas, leveling tee boxes, and continuing the concrete cart path project. These items will be looked at again next year.

Take advantage of the great fall golf weather and continue golfing.

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



WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

NEWS FROM THE RED TEES

BY SHARI LINJALA,
MCCWGA PRESIDENT



Carolyn Overman, Shauna Ginter,
Jo Smith, Cindy Stern & Kate Joyce

August 2008 Chip-Ins: Neta Gail McAfee,
Jean Hanich, Ginnie Horner, Betty Andrews-Muralt

August 2008 Birdies: Sandy Blair, Carol Key,
Shari Linjala, Beth Loehnen, Amy Sellman, Carol VanValkenburg

GOLF FOR WOMEN magazine...

has been renewed for an additional year (6 issues). Your subscription is a benefit to you as part of your paid 2008 WGA dues. (New subscriptions will arrive later this fall.



Golf Quote:
"The more I practice,
the luckier I get"
Gary Player

FALL LUNCHEON NOVEMBER 5, 2008



All MCC members and guests are welcome. Rosemary Hubbard has planned an enjoyable event with a style show featuring fashions from Coldwater Creek plus Karen Walden's jewelry, shoes and purses. Call Rosemary at 251-5660 for reservations. (11:30 – 1:30 PM) \$16 per person (inclusive).



Carol VanValkenburg, Carol Key & Jo Smith

AUGUST ECLECTIC WINNERS

Class A Gross	Jo Smith
Class A Net	Susan Toder
Class B Gross	Ann Rausch
Class B Net	Sue O'Neil-Stage
Class C Gross	Jean Hanich
Class C Net	Barbara Weishaar
Class D Gross	Janet Donahue
Class D Net	Marlene Koch

GOLF RULING:

In or Out?

Out of bounds, which is normally defined by stakes, is determined by the line drawn from the nearest inside points of the stakes at ground level. The line extends vertically upwards and downwards.

A ball is out of bounds when ALL of it lies outside the line. Therefore, if your ball is straddling the line, it is in bounds. (Definition of Out of Bounds)

Water hazards: Any stakes or lines that determine the border of a water hazard are determined to be in the hazard. This line also extends vertically upward and downward. A ball is determined to be in the water hazard if any part of it lies inside or touches the hazard line. Your ball does not have to be in the water to be in the hazard. (Definition of Water Hazard)

Putting Green: A ball is on the putting green when any part of it touches the putting green. (Definition of Putting Green)

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL NIGHT LEAGUE TEAM WINNERS!!!

1st Place (205.5 pts):

Bunker Babes

Betty Andrews-Muralt
Betsy Buckley
Ellen Carey
Barbara Dufour
Neta Gail McAfee

2nd Place – tie (194.5 pts):

Chix with Stix

Ginnie Horner
Brenda Keating
June Lyons
Traci Mytty
Tammie Roy
Irene Topel
Shan Toussaint

4th Place (190.5 pts):

Rule #6

Dee Butorac
Julie Chaffee
Kate Joyce
Carol Key
Jo Smith

Turf Queens

Anne Carlson
Jane Doss
Trish Larsen
Shari Linjala
Doris Nordstrom
Carol VanValkenburg



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 11 am - 9 pm	3 11 am - 9 pm	4 11 am - 9 pm GRIZ TAILGATE PARTY 1:00 PM
5 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm Bar Service 10 am-8 pm	6 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm Bar Service 10 am-8 pm	7 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm Bar Service 10 am-8 pm PRIVATE LUNCH IN DINING ROOM	8 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm Bar Service 10 am-8 pm GOLF OUTING LUNCH IN DINING ROOM	9 11 am - 9 pm	10 11 am - 9 pm PRIVATE DINNER IN DINING ROOM DINING AVAILABLE IN LOUNGE	11 11 am - 9 pm GRIZ TAILGATE PARTY 3:00 PM
12 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm Bar Service 10 am-8 pm	13 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm Bar Service 10 am-8 pm	14 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm Bar Service 10 am-8 pm	15 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm Bar Service 10 am-8 pm	16 11 am - 9 pm	17 11 am - 9 pm	18 11 am - 9 pm PRIVATE FUNCTION DINING AVAILABLE IN MILLER BARBER LIBRARY
19 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm Bar Service 10 am-8 pm	20 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm Bar Service 10 am-8 pm	21 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm Bar Service 10 am-8 pm	22 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm Bar Service 10 am-8 pm	23 11 am - 9 pm	24 11 am - 9 pm	25 11 am - 9 pm GRIZ TAILGATE PARTY 12:00 PRIVATE LUNCHEON DINING AVAILABLE IN LOUNGE
26 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm Bar Service 10 am-8 pm	27 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm Bar Service 10 am-8 pm	28 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm Bar Service 10 am-8 pm	29 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm Bar Service 10 am-8 pm	30 11 am - 9 pm PRIME RIB BUFFET DINNER 5 - 9	31 11 am - 9 pm	1 11 am - 9 pm NOVEMBER
2 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm Bar Service 10 am-8 pm	3 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm Bar Service 10 am-8 pm	4 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm Bar Service 10 am-8 pm	5 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm Bar Service 10 am-8 pm PRIVATE FUNCTION IN MILLER BARBER LIBRARY	6 11 am - 9 pm	7 11 am - 9 pm	8 11 am - 9 pm GRIZ TAILGATE PARTY 2:00 PM