

MISSOULA COUNTRY CLUB

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NEWSLETTER OF THE MISSOULA COUNTRY CLUB



MANAGER'S MEMOS

BY RON SVIEN



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Justin Anderson Rules & Games
Wayne Capp Eagle Fund
Brad Dantic Disciplinary
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Joe Johnston Immediate Past President

Staff

Ron Svien General Manager
Skip Koprivica PGA Golf Pro
Connor Sproull Assistant PGA Golf Pro
Tom Russell Superintendent
Scott Lennemann Assistant Superintendent
Richard Kolenda Executive Chef
Sharon Jeszenka Office Manager
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Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Bar Service Hours

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

Lunch Service Hours

Tuesday through Saturday
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Dinner Service Hours

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

The Clubhouse Improvement Project vote was mailed to the membership on February 19 and the ballot return date is March 31 @ 5:00 PM. This is a very important matter, so please take the time to vote!

Due to other civic and community events being scheduled at the same time, the February 26 Crab Feed has been rescheduled to Saturday, March 20. Sign up early as space is limited!

Celebrate your next Birthday at the Club and we'll deduct the equivalent percentage of the Birthday Person's age from his/her food price. Therefore, if you're celebrating your 100th, your meal is no charge! Also, you do not have to be here on the actual date of your Birthday – we will honor up to seven (7) days previous or after your official birth date.

It's a great time to join MCC. Please pass along the following 2010 Membership Drive information to your friends, business associates and relatives!!!

2010 MCC MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

February 15 – March 31

- Regular, Business or Associate Membership Initiation Fee: **WAIVED**
- **5 Year** Vesting Schedule
- **24 Month** Membership Agreement

April 1 – August 31

- Regular or Business Membership Initiation Fee: **\$1,500**
- Associate Membership Initiation Fee: **WAIVED**
- **5 Year** Vesting Schedule
- Appreciation Sponsor Fee: Regular or Business **\$500** (MCC Members Only)

September 1 – December 31

- Regular or Business Membership Initiation Fee: **\$3,000**
- Associate Membership Initiation Fee: **\$1,500**
- **5 Year** Vesting Schedule
- Appreciation Sponsor Fee: Regular or Business **\$500 / Associate \$250** (MCC Members Only)

F.Y.I. from the Office

- 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.
- If you have not been receiving emails from the Club, and you have given us your email address, please contact the office. We've been having trouble with some @montana.com, @earthlink.net, and @aol.com addresses. Also, we may have an old address on file.
- If you would like to log on to our web site at www.missoulacountryclub.com, and you want to set up your member account, you must use a 5-digit member number. This is the same as the one on your monthly statements. You may have to add one or two zeroes (0) before your number.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY ALLEN PICKENS

FINISHING WHAT WE START

It is, perhaps, safe to assume we are all anxiously awaiting our first round of MCC golf this year. As I was contemplating the fresh air and warming weather I remembered an important lesson learned early in the career – **FINISH WHAT WE START**. This lesson is true in life, business and, yes, golf.

Whether through formal golf lessons or the many instructional films, books and periodicals, somewhere we come to understand the need to finish the swing. Getting ahead of ourselves in the swing and “peeking” is a recipe for disappointment.

In MCC Board activities we must be careful to not get ahead of ourselves. There are two very important tasks facing the Board at the moment: (1) Resolve the issues surrounding the November 18, 2009 ballot relative to the Clubhouse Renovation, and (2) Increase membership in order to balance the budget for 2010.

This month you are being asked to assist the Board in resolving the two priorities by: (1) Voting on the Special Ballot, and (2) By introducing new members to this outstanding facility.

The Ballot package provides information and support for the Board’s request that the November 18, 2009 ballot be rescinded.

The Membership Committee has developed a plan and supporting package of information for each of us to put into the hands of prospective members.

Completion of the ballot process will provide a base for the Club to restart the directives laid out in the Long Range Plan. Successful efforts in the membership drive will allow the Club to meet its financial objectives. Please participate in both endeavors.

Missoula Country Club 2010 Golf Course Tournament Schedule

April	9	Friday	High School Invitational – course opens @ 2 PM
April	17	Saturday	High School Fundraiser – course Opens @ 2 PM
April	19	Monday	MCC Greens Aeration ½” Tine (weather dependant)
April	22	Thursday	MCC Men’s League Dinner
April	27	Tuesday	MCC Women’s League Play Begins
April	29	Thursday	MCC Men’s League Play Begins
May	5	Wednesday	MCC Women’s Day Play Begins
May	7	Friday	Chamber of Commerce Tournament – course opens @ 3:00 PM
May	9	Sunday	MCC Mother’s Day Tournament – play not affected
May	29 -31	Sat- Mon	MCC Barnett Memorial – course opens on MON. @ 7 PM
June	9	Wednesday	MCC Ladies’ Mixed PRO/AM – course opens @ 1 PM
June	12-13	Sat-Sun	MCC Member-Member Tournament – course opens @ 2:00 PM
June	16	Wednesday	MCC Junior Lessons Begin
June	20	Sunday	MCC Father’s Day Tournament – play not affected
June	21	Monday	MCC PRO/AM – course opens @ 4 PM
June	23	Wednesday	MCC WGA Guest Day – course opens @ 2:30 PM
June	26	Saturday	Montana Rail Link Tournament – course opens @ 2:30 PM
July	10-11	Sat-Sun	MCC Club Championship – course opens @ 2 PM
July	16-17	Fri-Sat	MCC Men’s Invitational – course opens SAT. @ 3 PM
July	23	Friday	MCC Junior Tournament – course opens @ 11:30 AM
July	30	Friday	MCC Progressive Dinner – front nine closed @ 5:30 PM
August	4	Wednesday	MCC Helen Tremper Ladies’ Invitational – course opens @ 3 PM
August	9	Monday	Missoula Junior Tour – course opens @ 12 Noon
August	13	Friday	Allegiance Insurance Tournament – course opens @ 3:00 PM
August	21-22	Sat-Sun	MCC Couples Chapman Tournament – course opens @ 2:30 PM
August	27	Friday	Lutheran Social Services Tournament – course opens @ 2:30 PM
Sept.	17	Friday	Grizzly Roundball Tournament – course opens @ 6:30 PM
Sept.	20	Monday	MCC Greens Aeration ½” Tine (weather dependant)

PRO SHOP

BY SKIP KOPRIVICA,
PGA GOLF PROFESSIONAL AND STAFF



We were able to play golf through most of November, which was a bonus. We enjoyed good weather from mid May through September but suffered through a lousy October.

I will have many of my same staff members back in the Pro Shop and bag room. I am fortunate to continue to have many of the same staff year after year. Connor

Sproull will be my first assistant golf professional. Connor has been with me for thirteen years as he started in the bag room when he was in high school. I will have a new second assistant this year. Justin Mills went back to Colorado and accepted a job in his home town. I thank Justin for his time here last year and wish him the best.

We will start getting our new merchandise in March and will provide a nice selection of clothing, equipment, shoes, etc. We will again carry merchandise from Foot Joy and Adidas shoes, Ahead, Antigua, Ashworth/Adidas, Ben Hogan, Carnoustie, EP Pro, Fairway and Green, Mizuno, Ping, Sport Haley, Sun Mountain, and The Game clothing lines. We will be happy to special order merchandise.

I will have the Callaway Optifit System for fitting drivers and irons. This allows a person to try different club heads with different shafts as well as different lie angles. We are able to fit you for any brand of club you are interested in. We fit for shaft flex, length, lie angle, and grip size. Our prices are competitive with any discount house, and we provide complimentary fitting when you purchase clubs through us.

Club storage is \$70.00 per person this year, and your clubs are cleaned, stored, and taken to your cart and from your cart after play. It is very convenient not having to take your clubs in and out of your car. The annual handicap fee for the year is \$16.00. It is important to have a handicap, especially if you play in any golf events.

League forms were sent out with the February statements the first week in March. Please complete the league forms and return them with all necessary funds by April 1, 2010. A team must have at least four (4) players, and the forms must be turned in with the entire team's fee and sponsor fee. Open subs, please send in your form and money by April 1 and include a phone number where you can be reached during the week. Men's League Dinner is Thursday, April 22, with the first night of league play Thursday, April 29. All members of league, including open subs, are invited to the league dinner.

Think spring and warm weather.
Skip Koprivica, Connor Sproull and Staff

Friday "Happy Days" – 4 pm to 7 pm

Libations Special - Two (2) for the price of One (1) on Selected Beverages!
Bar Lounge Appetizers will also be available for purchase.

Friday, March 5 – Friday, March 12 – Friday, March 19
Friday, March 26 – Friday, April 2 – Friday, April 9 –
Friday, April 16 – Friday, April 23

Restaurant & Bar Hours of Operation – March 2010

Sunday & Monday

Clubhouse Closed – No Food & Beverage
Services Available

Business Office Open on Monday – 9 am to 5 pm

Tuesday & Wednesday

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

Thursday, Friday & Saturday

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

Missoula Country Club

CRAB FEED

Saturday, March 20, 2010

No-Host Libations 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Buffet Dinner Service Begins @ 6:30 pm
Limited to 100 People Per Seating
\$40 Per Person Plus 18% Gratuity

Menu

Mixed Baby Greens 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 and Pies

Reservations: 251-2404 or
rsvien@missoulacountryclub.com

A LA CARTE

BY RICHARD KOLENDA,
EXECUTIVE CHEF

High-energy foods like bananas, rich in potassium, vitamin C and B6, peanuts, peanut butter and other nuts, oats and oatmeal are digested slowly and provide sustained energy. Create a sports salad, with some lean protein (chicken or fish) for sustained energy and muscle repair...and make it more exciting by adding beans, corn, beets and toasted croutons (all found at your MCC salad bar). Oranges and other vitamin C stars help to repair tiny tears in your muscles when you exercise. Dried fruit is packed with calories and is nutrition-dense and is a form of easy-access carbohydrates, which make it a healthy choice for longer workouts.

And, remember to have good fats in modest amounts (olive oil, fish, avocados, nuts, seeds), which protect your heart and provide sustained energy.

It's all pretty simple and easy to digest but still tasty and available at our salad bar and in many of our menu items. So, happy exercising and healthy eating now and throughout spring. It all happens to us: You promise yourself you're going straight to

the office, to the golf course or the gym, but come quitting time, you're too exhausted to lace up your sports shoes. Heck, you barely have enough energy to make yourself a snack. But chances are a snack is exactly what you need.

"Food is fuel," and, if you want to have energy for peak performance in athletic events or daily life workouts like your job or chasing a toddler – you have to fill your tank with quality gasoline. Fuel by day...diet by night. Begin with a big breakfast and end with a small dinner, and rev up your metabolism, giving yourself enough energy for the day's activities.



MCC DIRECTORY CHANGES

NEW

Bucy, Adam (Mendy) R 4600 Scott Allen Dr., Msla. 59803 Edward Jones Investments	251-4306 542-8230
Justin Burkey (Christine) R 2720 Dublin St., Msla. 59808 USDA-Forest Service	493-1544
Hammond, Seamus R 110 North Ave. E., Msla. 59801 Hammond Inc.	360-3949 728-4804
Hammond, Vicky (Richard Scharfe) R 508 Westview Dr., Msla. 59803 Hammond, Inc.	327-0289 728-4804
Kirby, Dave (Cindy) R 5836 Homestead Pl., Florence 59833 Reynolds Radiator	273-0461 549-7084
Masters, Matt R 2408 S. Hills Dr., Msla. 59803 U.S. Post Office	370-0809
Montelius, David (Hope) B 6201 Raelene Ct., Msla. 59803 Western States Insurance	251-5506 327-6430

O'Donnell, Dennis (Mary Ellen Campbell) R 2830 Larch Camp Rd., Msla. 59803 Domec, Inc.	543-4046 543-4046
Salisbury, Jim (Michel) S 5221 Laree Ct., Msla. 59803 Treasure State Bank	542-2676 543-8700

RESIGNED

Guy Bingham – Regular
Shelley Boutelle – Regular
Scott Burke – Regular
Richard Gagliardi – Social
Larry Jones – Regular
Bradley Madison – Regular
Tim Topp – Associate
Chet Wright - Social

MEMBERSHIP STATUS AS OF 2/17/10

PLAYING MEMBERSHIPS	397	(450 max.)
REGULAR	322	
BUSINESS	61	(80 max.)
ASSOCIATE	14	(40 max.)
NON RESIDENT	15	(25 max.)
SOCIAL	48	(120 max.)
BUSINESS SOCIAL	4	(20 max.)

TOM'S TURF TALK

BY TOM RUSSELL
GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT



The weather feels like spring, but MCC's little corner of the world is holding onto winter. The course is still covered with snow and ice even though much of the county is snow free. Greens are being cleared of ice and low spots in fairways pumped out as conditions warrant.

The warm stretch the second week of February started our melt, creating water under the cloudy ice on greens. The goal at that time became to allow drainage under the ice and ultimately ice removal. Courses around the Northwest are opening earlier than normal, and I am hopeful for an early opening as well.

Spring projects include new landscaping at the entrance to the clubhouse, new landscaping at the entrance gate, concrete cart path replacing asphalt at 7 green to 8 tee and the last section at 4 green. The tee leveling project encompassing approximately half the tees on the course has been put on hold until fall. Spring is the busiest time of year for the course with members anxious to get out after a long winter. This project would affect half of the holes for every player. On the agronomic side, fall is a much better time of year for the project. Soils are warm for faster root establishment, and we are not dealing with frozen ground in shaded areas. The project will begin in the fall after our last major tournament.

Dawn is busy in the green house, and later in the spring members are always welcome to stop by for a tour. Stay warm!

Tom Russell
241-6031 or mccgreens@gmail.com.

I'M ALRIGHT

By Carl Spackler

March is always a transitional month. At times we're torn between shoveling the walks, and mowing the lawn. You don't know whether to bring a stocking cap or sunscreen to work, and whether to plan for beers on the deck after work, or sitting in front of the fireplace with a hot toddy. If we think too much, we become paranoid – like Bubba the night janitor who wears suspenders and a belt.

The attitude of folks in Missoula in winter is really impacted by the sun and blue sky. When the sun comes out, the optimism goes up. Things seem a little different lately. The sun isn't working so well. I've met people who are going bankrupt, and I've met people who are losing their homes to foreclosure. There are some sad stories.

I saw an episode of the TV show "Undercover Boss" where the CEO of Seven Eleven went undercover. He spent a day with a truck driver who came to the US from Russia with fifty bucks in his pocket. He's now living the American Dream, and says this is the greatest country in the world! Sometimes we forget to appreciate all that we have, and focus on the things we don't have. Let's change that!

ENJOY LIFE, and if you see Ron wearing suspenders and a belt, he's probably gone undercover.

cspackler@rocketmail.com

Missoula Country Club *Easter Brunch*

Sunday, April 4, 2010

Two (2) Seatings • 9:30 AM ~ 12:00 NOON

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

Corned Beef Hash / Country Style Potatoes /
Bacon & Link Sausage

Omelet Creation Bar / 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

Champagne, 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

Telephone: 251-2404

or E-Mail: rsvien@missoulacountryclub.com

WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

NEWS FROM THE RED TEES

BY JEAN HANICH,
MCCWGA PRESIDENT

A small Leprechaun told me Spring is right around the corner and that means it is time to think about golf. Ladies you have many opportunities to golf with friends. Wednesday mornings at 9:00 is the official Ladies Day. Show up and you will be paired with others for either nine or eighteen holes of golf. Each week there will be a new game with prizes. Friday mornings also find the Ladies (especially those that like to walk) making up 4-somes. Show up at 9:00 for this event also.

Tuesday is League night. Everyone is welcome to be on a team or be a substitute. League is a fun night for Ladies to get out of the house and play nine holes of golf with dinner afterwards. Ann Rausch and Kim Becker will be in charge of night league this year. Included are the registration form and also a form if you would like to be on a team or be a sub. Team Captains, please mail these forms to:

Ann Rausch
4114 Spurgin Rd.
Missoula, MT 59804

or

Kim Becker
5255 Elk Ridge Rd.
Missoula, MT 59802



WGA dues are \$35.00 and can be mailed to:

Sandy Blair
4700 Goodan Lane
Missoula, MT 59808

More next month on dates and times for golfing events. In the meantime THINK SPRING!

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 _____



Children's Easter Party

Saturday, April 3, 2010 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





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 CLUBHOUSE CLOSED	2 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm	3 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm	4 11 am – 9 pm DINNER SERVICE	5 11 am – 9 pm PRIVATE EVENING FUNCTION IN MILLER BARBER LIBRARY HAPPY DAYS 4-7	6 11 am – 9 pm DINNER SERVICE
7 CLUBHOUSE CLOSED	8 CLUBHOUSE CLOSED	9 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm	10 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm	11 11 am – 9 pm DINNER SERVICE	12 11 am – 9 pm HAPPY DAYS 4-7 DINNER SERVICE	13 11 am – 9 pm PRIVATE DINNER FUNCTION MEMBER DINING AVAILABLE IN LOUNGE
14 CLUBHOUSE CLOSED	15 CLUBHOUSE CLOSED	16 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm	17 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm	18 11 am – 9 pm DINNER SERVICE	18 11 am – 9 pm HAPPY DAYS 4-7 DINNER SERVICE	20 11 am – 9 pm CRAB FEED 6:30 PM DINNER SERVICE
21 CLUBHOUSE CLOSED	22 CLUBHOUSE CLOSED	23 Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm	24 11 am – 9 pm BOARD MEETING 5:30 PM Lunch Service 11 am-4 pm	25 11 am – 9 pm DINNER SERVICE	26 11 am – 9 pm HAPPY DAYS 4-7 DINNER SERVICE	27 11 am – 9 pm DINNER SERVICE
28 CLUBHOUSE CLOSED	29 CLUBHOUSE CLOSED	30 11 am – 9 pm DINNER SERVICE	31 11 am – 9 pm “MAKE YOUR MINIMUM” DINNER BUFFET 5:00-9:00 PM	1 11 am – 9 pm APRIL PRIVATE FUNCTION IN MILLER BARBER LIBRARY – 6:00 PM. DINNER SERVICE	2 11 am – 9 pm HAPPY DAYS 4-7 DINNER SERVICE	3 11 am – 9 pm DINNER SERVICE