

# MISSOULA COUNTRY CLUB

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# MANAGER'S MEMOS

BY RON SVIEN



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**Ron Svien**..... *General Manager*  
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**Connor Sproull** ..... *Assistant PGA Golf Pro*  
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**Richard Kolenda** ..... *Executive Chef*  
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## Office Hours

**Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

## Bar Service Hours

**Sunday through 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 April 25 “*New Member Orientation Meeting*” was well attended with 51 participants, which also included some Board, Management and Committee member representatives. This meeting included a facility tour, short game demonstration by Skip, hors d’oeuvres - wine & beer tasting, and a prize drawing. Many thanks to all who attended and also to those who helped plan this activity.

On April 30 the Board and Management met to evaluate the progress of the overseeding and hydro-mulch application that was applied earlier to the affected winterkill fairway areas. Several Members also attended this meeting and provided commentary during a question and answer exchange period.

Grass germination is occurring at this time, however, until significant progress has been made, the course will remain closed. The Board will meet again on May 10 at 10:30 AM to evaluate the course conditions, and to hopefully announce a course reopening date. We do need sunshine and warmer temperatures, and there is an indication that more favorable conditions are forth coming.

The maintenance crew continues to monitor, irrigate and nurture the affected areas. The crew is also continuing on with bunker restoration work on Holes 12, 9, 5 & 3. It is anticipated that this work will be finalized next week.

The concrete cart path project (4 Green to 5 Tee and 7 Green to 8 Tee), a \$49,080 Eagle Fund Capital Project that was approved by the membership in December 2009, will begin on Monday, May 3. It is estimated that this work will be completed within a four to five day period.

The Driving Range, Putting Green and the Triangle Practice Area remain open, and the Clubhouse Food & Beverage operation remains open as previously posted. Please feel free to contact any MCC Board member or myself regarding questions or comments.

I am pleased to announce that Ashley Reynolds will return to head up the Lifeguard crew. The Swimming Lesson Schedule and pool operation information is posted as follows.

## 2010 SWIM LESSON SCHEDULE

Signup up with the Lifeguard Staff anytime during regular pool hours / 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM. Swim Lessons will be held from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM during each of the 5 Sessions.

### SESSION 1

June 14 – 24

Signup June 4 – June 13

### SESSION 2

June 28 – July 8

Signup June 14 – June 27

### SESSION 3

July 12 – July 22

Signup June 28 – July 11

### SESSION 4

July 26 – August 5

Signup July 12 – July 25

### SESSION 5

August 9 – August 19

Signup July 26 – August 8

### LESSON COSTS

Private (1 Child) \$75 Per

Two-Week Session /

Semi-Private (2 Children)

\$60 Per Two-Week Session

# LONG RANGE PLANNING

BY Tim Garden, Chair

As I write this I am looking out the window and I see beautiful blue skies and a lot of sunshine which means only one thing “Golf season is here and get me out of my office!”


The Long Range Planning committee has had two meetings this spring, and I wanted to update everyone on the progress. The Club is becoming a very diverse and dynamic entity; our members use the Club for various activities from family gatherings to business deals being solidified with the drop of the last putt. The Club has had a its challenges over the past couple of years, and the more I thought about these challenges the more I felt as a club that maybe we need to take a step back and determine what the Club’s overall goal or objective is. Do we want to be established as a premier golf Club in Montana or the Northwest region? Do we want to be acknowledged as a Club known for its fine dining and wonderful atmosphere or as a Club that will

cater to family values for those teaching young ones about our great game?

I have my own thoughts about what I would like to see our Club become, but this just isn’t my Club so I want to hear from our membership. I would like to hear your thoughts and ideas from everyone so we can determine the best direction that WE as a Club would like to move forward with into the future. The LRP committee will be putting together a survey for our membership; “What direction do you think might better our Club?” Your ideas will be blended with other viewpoints to determine the best direction for our Club; communication is a key issue for all of us. The past vote we had on the CIP project tells me that you have ideas and want to share them.

Expect to see the survey coming to you within the next few weeks, so put your thinking cap on and give me ideas so we can mold them for the future of the Club.





**ACER**  
**HOLE-IN-ONE**  
**Preston Peterson**  
**4/9/10 – Hole 12**  
**130 Yards – Wedge**

## Missoula Country Club 2010 Golf Course Tournament Schedule

May	5	Wednesday	MCC Women’s Day Play Begins
May	9	Sunday	MCC Mother’s Day Tournament – play not affected
May	29 -31	Sat – Mon	MCC Barnett Memorial – course opens on MON. @ 7:00 PM
June	4	Friday	Chamber of Commerce Tournament – course opens @ 3:00 PM
June	9	Wednesday	MCC Ladies’ Mixed PRO/AM – course opens @ 1:00 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 @ 4:00 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 @ 2:00 PM
July	16-17	Fri-Sat	MCC Men’s Invitational – course opens SAT. @ 3:00 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 @ 3:00 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



Dear Missoula Country Club Members:

We would like to pass on a special welcome to all the new members and look forward to getting acquainted with everyone. Please stop by the Golf Shop and introduce yourself to my staff and myself.

May will undoubtedly bring warmer days and better golf to all that enjoy our fine golf course. From Friday, April 16 to Sunday, April 18, we saw nearly 500 rounds of golf played. The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual High School Fundraiser on Saturday, April 17, saw a full tournament with the final team entering at 6 p.m. the night before play. Congratulations to all prize winners, and a very special thanks to all the participants for playing. A special thanks goes to the Missoula Country Club and its members for hosting this tournament for the 19<sup>th</sup> year. The money raised is utilized by our local high school golf teams and allows these young men and women to enjoy the competitive golf scene. Also, congratulations goes to 15-year old Preston Peterson for his Hole-in-One on the 12<sup>th</sup> Hole during day two of the High School Invitational. Preston used a gap wedge to sink the ace on the 130-yard Par 3.

This is an excellent opportunity to work on your short game on our triangle practice area. If you are interested in scheduling a lesson, please contact Skip, Connor, or our new Assistant Professional Ryan.

The Golf Shop continues to receive new merchandise on a daily basis. Please come in to see our new merchandise from brands such as Adams, Bridgestone, Callaway, Cleveland, Nike, Ping, and

Taylor Made. We also offer clothing and shoes from brands such as Antigua, Adidas, Ashworth, Callaway, Carnoustie, Fairway and Greene, Footjoy, Mizuno, and Sun Mountain. We have a full selection of clubs and putters suitable for all preferences and playing abilities. We also offer re-gripping and full club fitting capabilities with the use of our Callaway fitting cart. Callaway is also offering a free Kodak Playsport video camera with the purchase of a Diablo Edge, Diablo Edge Tour, FT-iZ or a FT Tour Driver now through June 30. Hurry in and take advantage of this limited-time offer.

Junior lessons begin June 16, with 95 openings. Information will be sent out the first week of May, and priority will be given to regular members followed by grandparents and social members.

We will be hosting three separate Demo Days this May. Ping, Bridgestone and Mizuno will be held on May 6; Taylor Made, Nike, Cleveland, and Adams will be held on May 13; and Callaway will be held on May 27. Be sure to come in and try the latest and best equipment from the top manufacturers in the game.

Please check in and give us the names of the players in your group every time you play. We are responsible for tracking the number of rounds played and knowing who is on the golf course. Also it's very helpful for the new employees in the Golf Shop to get to know the members.

With the number of new members, the tee sheet is busier than ever. We ask for deliberate play and target round times of four hours or less. We will try and pair groups as best we can to eliminate twosomes and expedite the pace of play. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

Skip Koprivica, Connor Sproull, Ryan Hoynacki and Staff



## A LA CARTE

BY RICHARD KOLENDA  
EXECUTIVE CHEF

Some of the old clichés really are true. That's what I learned when I asked chef friends what recipes for Mother's Day reminded them of their moms. The list was heavily weighted toward baked goods and comfort foods, accompanied by misty memories of childhood baking projects, bringing to mind my Mom's incomparable crêpes. There's a reason we became chefs—for many of us, love equals a delicious meal. I've decided to share this wonderful mother's day idea with you....that is, unless I see you at the Club for my famous Mother's Day Brunch.

### BREAKFAST CREPES

#### *Ingredients*

- 1 1/2 cups whole milk
- 3 large eggs
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Scant 5 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 1/2 cup brandy
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- Additional butter for cooking
- Additional sugar or clear jelly such as apple or apricot for serving
- Iron skillet or crêpe pan
- Flexible metal or plastic spatula

#### *Preparation*

In a blender, combine milk and eggs. Mix on medium-high speed until foamy, about 10 seconds. Turn blender to low speed and remove feed top. With blender going, add sugar and salt. Replace feed top and blend on high speed for a few seconds, then turn blender back to low. In the same manner, add butter, brandy, and vanilla, replacing feed top and blending for several seconds after each addition. Turn blender off. Add flour all at once and blend until just combined. Place crêpe pan over moderately



high heat. With flexible spatula, spread a tiny amount of butter in pan (an alternative method is to brush the pan with melted butter using a pastry brush) and heat until butter just begins to smoke. Pour 1/4 to 1/3 cup batter into the pan. As you pour, quickly tilt the pan in all directions to spread a thin layer of batter across the bottom. Pour in just enough batter to cover the pan. Cook crêpe over moderately high heat until bubbles just begin to form on the exposed surface, about one to two minutes. Lift up the edge to check the cooking process – if the crêpe starts to burn before it is cooked through, turn down the heat. If it is not nicely browned after two minutes, turn up the heat. When underside of crêpe is browned, flip and cook another minute or less, until other side is browned. Remove from pan and keep warm in the oven, loosely covered with foil. Grease pan with a very small amount of butter and repeat process. Continue until all batter is used, stacking cooked crêpes on a plate in the oven. To serve, sprinkle each crêpe with sugar or spread with jelly and fold or roll up.



## MCC DIRECTORY CHANGES

### RESIGNED

- R. G. (Tim) Calcagno/Montana Compounding Pharmacy – Business
- Mark Denton – Regular
- Robert Disney – Social
- Geoff Easton – Regular
- H. Ross Gibson – Regular
- Cory Laird – Regular
- Mike Marbut – Regular
- Chip Zimmer – Regular

### MEMBERSHIP STATUS AS OF 4/30/10

<b>PLAYING MEMBERSHIPS</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>(450 max.)</b>
<b>REGULAR</b>	<b>354</b>	
<b>BUSINESS</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>(80 max.)</b>
<b>ASSOCIATE</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>(40 max.)</b>
<b>NON RESIDENT</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>(25 max.)</b>
<b>SOCIAL</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>(120 max.)</b>
<b>BUSINESS SOCIAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>(20 max.)</b>

# TURF TALK

BY TOM RUSSELL  
GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT



The course is going through a spring that no golf course ever wants to experience. In last month's newsletter I mentioned how difficult it was to provide up-to-date information in the spring because the conditions change very rapidly. The problem this year is that conditions did not change, as areas in the

fairways that were slowly greening up quit and even went south. This is the effect of crown hydration injury, the plant looks good until it needs to pull additional fluids and it isn't capable. Derf Soller, USGA agronomist, believes, as I do, that the turf injury was

a combination of a lack of hardening off from a nice November to a cold first week in December; ice coverage from Dec. 21 until March; standing water under the ice from the third week in Feb. until March; and the straw that broke the back, a de-hardening in early March with a cold month to follow.

The goal has always been to get the course in condition as soon as possible. The Board has been supportive in allowing the course to be closed for re-seeding and control play as grow-in occurs. Fairways have been seeded to bent grass to handle ice and low temperature events more reliably. Shade issues will be discussed and addressed. The pieces for recovery are in place with warm weather the key.

Please email or call with questions and comments. Tom Russell 241-6031 or [tomrussellmcc@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrussellmcc@yahoo.com)

## I'M ALRIGHT



By Carl Spackler

I recently noticed some TV ads and billboards around town for a local medical facility. They really got me to pause and think. One ad featured a woman saying, "I lost my husband to colon cancer procrastination." And a man saying, "I lost my wife to breast cancer stubbornness."

This really hits home about the importance of taking good care of ourselves so we can enjoy a long and fruitful life. The same theory applies to relationships. We need to nurture what we have, treat it with tenderness and respect, and appreciate all the good. It's not always easy to find the good. Sometimes we need to accept the bad and try to make it better, while acknowledging that changing another person is not

within our power. Just like periodic medical maintenance, we need a recurring relationship check-up. You can refer to some of my previous columns on how to approach this. Let's not lose the relationships we value to procrastination, stubbornness, or boredom.

On another subject, you all know that I love grass (the green, mowing variety). Right now it looks like Mother Nature has kicked the crap out of our course. Please treat our course with love, tenderness, patience and respect, just as you would a valued relationship.

Look for the good, and ENJOY LIFE!

Comments: [cspackler@rocketmail.com](mailto:cspackler@rocketmail.com)



# WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

## NEWS FROM THE RED TEES

BY JEAN HANICH  
MCCWGA PRESIDENT

Well Ladies What can I say. The course is closed and we must make the best of it.:Hopefully by the times you receive this newsletter we will be close to playing again.Night League opened on the 27th with a clinic by Connor (Thanks Connor) and dinner and two for one drinks (Thaks Ron). All who atended had a good time. Days Play will open with a breakfast on May 5th at 8:30.

When we begin playing you want to play with the Ladies who walk on Friday, be sure to Call Arlen Breum (251-3541) for the time. She needs to know ahead how many tee times to reserve. As you can see by the picture some of the ladies got a round in before the course closed. Way to go you Three!

Don't forget to pay your dues of \$35.00 to Say

Blair, 4700 Goodan Lane, Missoula, MT 59808.

Welcome to all the new members. Hope to see you out golfing soon.



Carol Hayes, Arlene Breum and Kathy Turner



Sign Up For The Golf Marathon.  
Sign-Up Sheet in Pro Shop.



### 2010 SWIMMING POOL SEASON

The pool will open for the Memorial Day Weekend beginning on Friday, May 28 at 12:00 Noon and will remain open through the Holiday Weekend. Due to the fact that many Missoula area schools will remain in session during the first two weeks of June, the pool will be closed on June 1, 2 & 3 and will reopen for the weekend on Friday, June 4 at 12:00 Noon. The same schedule will be in effect for the following week – Pool closed on June 7, 8, 9 & 10 and reopen for the remainder of the season on Friday, June 11 at 12:00 Noon. The pool season end/closing date is Tuesday, September 7.

### SWIMMING 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 from outside MCC is allowed.

### Restaurant & Bar Lounge Hours of Operation – May 2010

#### Sunday, Monday, 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

#### 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, May 7 • Friday, May 14  
Friday, May 21 • Friday, May 28



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# MAY 2010

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> 11 am – 9 pm DINNER SERVICE
<b>2</b> Lunch Menu 11 am-4 pm	<b>3</b> Lunch Menu 11 am-4 pm	<b>4</b> 11 am – 8 pm Lunch Menu 11 am-4 pm	<b>5</b> LADIES' DAY PLAY KICK-OFF BREAKFAST Lunch Menu 11 am-4 pm	<b>6</b> 11 am – 8 pm PRIVATE DINNER MEMBER DINING AVAILABLE IN LOUNGE MEN'S LEAGUE	<b>7</b> 11 am – 9 pm HAPPY DAYS 4-7 DINNER SERVICE	<b>8</b> 11 am – 9 pm DINNER SERVICE
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<b>30</b> BARNETT MEMORIAL DAY TOURNAMENT POOL OPEN	<b>31</b> BARNETT MEMORIAL DAY TOURNAMENT (COURSE OPENS 7:30 PM) POOL OPEN	<b>1</b> 11 am – 8 pm JUNE LADIES' LEAGUE POOL CLOSED Lunch Menu 11 am-4 pm	<b>2</b> LADIES' DAY PLAY POOL CLOSED Lunch Menu 11 am-4 pm	<b>3</b> 11 am – 8 pm MEN'S LEAGUE POOL CLOSED	<b>4</b> 11 am – 9 pm MISSOULA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OUTING PRIVATE DINNER MEMBER DINING AVAILABLE IN LOUNGE POOL OPENS – NOON	<b>5</b> 11 am – 9 pm POOL OPEN DINNER SERVICE