

MISSOULA COUNTRY CLUB

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NEWSLETTER OF THE MISSOULA COUNTRY CLUB



MANAGER'S MEMOS

BY RON SVIEN



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Joe JohnstonPresident/Bylaws
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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
Dayton ScottController
Megan Suddaby..... Food & Beverage Director

Office Hours

Monday 9:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Bar Service Hours

Tuesday through Saturday
10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Lunch Service Hours

Sunday & Monday
11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Tuesday through Saturday
11 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Dinner Service Hours

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

Richard Kolenda has taken over as our Executive Chef and I couldn't be more pleased, as he brings a wealth of talent and expertise to the Missoula Country Club – WELCOME RICHARD!

The Phase 1 Membership Vote associated with the Bar Lounge Remodeling Project passed by a significant margin – 170 Yes, 40 No. Chris Martison and A&E Architectural have begun their work and will now provide a project cost estimate, rendering, and design/phasing plans for membership review and vote in late October or early November.

Congratulations to Cory Slocum for his great play at the Montana Open held at Larchmont in mid September. Cory was the low amateur and was only one stroke away from winning the overall title. We also wish Cory well in his move to the Salt Lake City area where he has taken a pharmaceutical position. A memorial tree was recently dedicated in the memory of Ray and Hannah Fox and is located behind #10 green. A picture of this tree (Autumn Blaze Maple) is located elsewhere within this publication.

The Gold Tees were recently placed on the course. Although the original thought was that these tees would primarily be used by junior golfers, they can be played by all golfers – give them a try!

GOLD TEES - 3502 Yards - Par 71					
Hole #1	195 Yards	Par 4	Hole #10	290 Yards	Par 5
Hole #2	97 Yards	Par 3	Hole #11	190 Yards	Par 4
Hole #3	194 yards	Par 4	Hole #12	84 Yards	Par 3
Hole #4	187 Yards	Par 4	Hole #13	175 Yards	Par 4
Hole #5	295 yards	Par 5	Hole #14	233 Yards	Par 4
Hole #6	89 yards	Par 3	Hole # 15	200 Yards	Par 4
Hole #7	245 Yards	Par 4	Hole #16	222 yards	Par 4
Hole #8	193 yards	Par 4	Hole #17	73 Yards	Par 3
Hole #9	220 yards	Par 4	Hole #18	320 Yards	Par 5

October, 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

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY JOE JOHNSTON

I do not remember a nicer September in Missoula than the one we just experienced. I hope you had a chance to enjoy this extension of summer at the Club.

The membership overwhelmingly voted 170 to 40 to take the next step in our possible clubhouse renovation for January 2010. While there will always be differences on what route we should take on major projects like this, it is important to voice your views and concerns. I, personally, think a clubhouse remodel is about 20 years overdue.....I'm a firm believer in doing certain things to stay competitive in these economic times, or people will choose to go elsewhere to spend their hard earned money. I am confident with some much needed updating of our Club's interior this will be a very good start!

Also, as you begin to think about planning your December events, please keep the Club in mind. With

the recent hire of our new executive chef, Richard Kolenda, and the strong possibility of our clubhouse renovation set for early 2010, it is certainly an exciting time for the MCC. Our membership numbers have remained solid throughout the year, our golf course is in excellent condition, and we have a management team that understands we will continue to strive for constant improvement in all facets of our operation. Also, our overall budget numbers for FY 2009 continue to exceed my expectations. Lastly, I would like to thank our employees, managers, committee members, and my fellow Board members for working the long hours behind the scenes to help make the MCC what it is today.

It will not be long and the course will be covered with snow, so please take the opportunity to enjoy these last few weeks before we need to put the sticks away for another long winter.

MCC Member Fraternization Policy

It is not the Club's intent or desire to interfere with or regulate personal behavior of its members outside of the Club. It is an express desire of the Club, however, to avoid misunderstandings, complaints of favoritism, security, morale, and to take all reasonable steps to prevent potential claims of sexual harassment at the Club. Moreover, it is the purpose of this policy to ensure that personal relationships do not interfere with or disrupt business operations of the Club.

For those reasons, Club members may not date or pursue romantic and/or sexual relationships with Club employees. Club members who violate this policy will be subject to discipline, up to and including suspension or expulsion in accordance with MCC Bylaw Article VI. [09/2008] [Rev. 09/2009]



Ray & Hannah Fox Memorial Tree #10 Green



ACERS of the Month

Rick Cannon
Hole #12
121 Yards – PW
August 6, 2009

Doug Jackson
Hole #6
158 Yards - 7 Iron
August 10, 2009

Brad Madison
Hole #2
172 Yards - 5 Iron
August 20, 2009

Jack Henry
Hole #12
122 Yards - 8 Iron
September 22, 2009

LONG RANGE PLANNING

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 league and women's league have finished up for the season. We still have a few warm, sunny fall days left, so make sure to take advantage.

Men's league finished with the Vemco taking the championship. The Vemco team consisted of Dennis Nisbet, John Velk, Matt Sheridan, Todd Hober, Bill Schaff, and Mike Marbut. Rounding out the top four were Time Rental in 2nd, The Old Dogs in 3rd, and OGGgone taking 4th. A special thanks goes to Dick Shull and Brian Kekich for helping with Men's League.

Women's League finished with Chix with Stix taking 1st. The team was made up of Shan Toussaint, Irene Topel, June Lyons, Traci Mytty, Tammie Roy, Ginnie Horner, and Brenda Keating. Taking 2nd this year was the Golf Bags, in 3rd was the Shankapotamus team, and in 4th the Bunker Babes. A big thanks goes to Jo Smith and Kerri Flaig for running Women's League and for trying to make it more fun for the ladies.

As I type this, the Men's President's cup is still being played. Troy Carlson will face John Velk in the match play formatted championship. Congratulations to Dave Hickman and Norm Carey for tying for 3rd.

We hosted the annual Grizzly Roundball Tournament on Friday, September 18, with a field

of 140 players. 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 to Bill Weaver 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.

We had two other outings in September, the Montana Motor Carriers golf outing, which had 83 players, and the Montana Tavern Association golf outing, which had 86 players and 175 people for dinner. We also had the Lutheran Social Services golf outing on August 28 with 76 golfers. We're sorry for any inconveniences you may have had with the outings. All outings are approved by the Board and bring in a lot of revenue for 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 15. 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. We will be announcing the most improved golfers in the November Newsletter.

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 2009 season!

Skip Koprivica, Connor Sproull, Justin Mills, and Staff



CHURCH LEAGUE

October has arrived and its time for another season of Church League. This is a golden opportunity to meet and play with new and old friends, no matter what the weather. We meet every Sunday in the Fall.

For more information please contact

Reverend Shottmaker at 880-9325 / behapp@gmail.com

or

John McAfee 396-6253 / jmcafee@paragonpackaging.com.

A LA CARTE

BY RICHARD KOLENDA,
EXECUTIVE CHEF

It gives me a great sense of pride that I am now a part of the Missoula Country Club family. In a few short weeks I have had the pleasure of meeting many wonderful people who have an understanding and appreciation of extraordinary cuisine. I am excited at the prospect of exceeding many of your expectations by bringing over 30 years of experience in the food service industry.

Having started by training with great master chefs and working my way up in hotel kitchens, to working for many years in the entertainment industry, I bring a unique understanding of cuisine to your country club. I've fed many notables, including Charlton Heston, Steven Spielberg, Mike Meyers, Diane Sawyer, Ted Koppel, Presidents Carter, Reagan and Bush Sr.

I welcome your input as well as your feedback. My ultimate goal is to create menus that are exciting, fresh and unique, utilizing the bountiful array of local fruits, vegetables, herbs and meats and to satisfy your most discriminating palettes. Whether dining in our restaurant, or bringing together family and friends for a special event, I will always bring something special and exciting to the table. I plan to serve as trainer, mentor and teacher, bringing out the best in all my staff.

I look forward to meeting many more of you as time goes on and seeing you on the golf course as well (a match made in heaven!!).



MCC DIRECTORY CHANGES

CHANGE

Kulbeck, Connie (Phillip) R
4784 Christian Dr., Missoula 59803

Nedrud, Chad (Katie) R
1224 Hunter Lane, Missoula 59803

Peissig, Troy (Serena) A
2322 Mary Jane Blvd., Missoula 59808

RESIGNED

Peter Brinkley – Social
Michael Caldwell – Social
Bobby Hauck/UM Athletic Dept. – Business
Dave Kinsey – Regular
Larry Kolb - Social

Susan Langley – Regular
Duncan Mac Donald – Social
Anthony Menendez – Social
Gary Nygaard – Regular
Walt Peschel – Social
Cory Slocum – Associate
Will Thompson - Associate

MEMBERSHIP STATUS AS OF 9/21/09

PLAYING MEMBERSHIPS	423	(450 max.)
REGULAR	343	
BUSINESS	62	(80 max.)
ASSOCIATE	18	(40 max.)
NON RESIDENT	18	(25 max.)
SOCIAL	51	(120 max.)
BUSINESS SOCIAL	5	(20 max.)

TOM'S TURF TALK

BY TOM RUSSELL
GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT



The bunker sand trial set up in the practice bunker is continuing. Thanks to all who have taken the time to try the different sands and fill out the survey. The initial responses have all the sands rated very close to each other. The top rated sand is our existing sand. This lends me to believe that our maintenance practices need to be adjusted. The comments

from members regarding courses with great bunkers have one common theme, use of a power bunker rake. A power bunker rake leads to daily consistency and depth in raking regardless of the operator. The other consideration is the time of year and amount of irrigation. Some bunkers at MCC are not large enough for a bunker rake. We are compiling a report for the next green committee meeting regarding depth of bunkers, to maintain edges and stances, and size, to utilize a power bunker rake.

The September aeration was canceled. This was in consideration of the wonderful fall weather and the play the course is receiving from our membership. Aeration is an important tool in correcting the excessive thatch in the green profile and interrupting the layering in the greens. In hindsight, I should have aerated with 1/2" tines at the late August aeration instead of 1/4" quad-tine. The thought was to have quicker recovery during high play and relieve stress from the summer. The nice fall and continued play made the second aeration unpopular with our members. I certainly

I'M ALRIGHT



By Carl Spackler

When I was raking the bunkers yesterday, a member stopped and asked me an intriguing question. Why is there so little turnover in the maintenance shack, and so much in the kitchen? After thinking for a minute I concluded that it must be because us maintenance guys love our jobs. Tom is a great boss, and we get to work with chemicals, play with all sorts of power equipment, and get to enjoy the outdoor elements; you know – the hot sun, the rain, the cold, etc.

Then, I was talking to another member who told me he and his wife had just celebrated their anniversary with a special dinner at the club. He had been a little skeptical about club dining as it had been a little inconsistent. The guy was smart enough to know that you don't want to blow it on your anniversary, or it will be a long year. Ron assured him that everything

understand and I am enjoying the greens as much as everyone else. We will continue with our Monday regime and hydrojecting for our green maintenance. Skipping aeration is not necessarily detrimental to the greens; it is a loss of an opportunity to correct issues with the greens. Future aeration may entail less quad-tine and larger tine aeration in the spring and fall.

Fall fertilization and health enhancement is ongoing. Fungicide application for winter is in the near future. Aeration of some tees and fairways is scheduled for the end of September and the first of October. Rroughs were rolled with a double drum 6000 pound roller to try to eliminate wash boards. The initial response is not 100% success, but a step in the right direction. Rolling in conjunction with the direction of cut and speed of the mower might control the washboards developed from years of mowing.

Gold tees have been placed on the course for beginning, higher handicap and junior players. The idea is to provide enjoyment for all levels of play at the club. Monday course maintenance continues to work well. Every other week the greens are verticut and topdressed, and greens are fertilized and preventative fungicide applications are applied. The next week greens are just fertilized and applications as needed are applied. On Mondays the speed of the greens is not our goal, the health of the plant is our goal. Greens will always be slower on Mondays. The irrigation system will be blown out on October 15. It is hard to fathom already reserving a compressor, but the summer does fly by.

The green committee has an e-mail address for questions and comments. It is mccgreens@gmail.com.

Enjoy your golf, Tom Russell 241-6031

would be fine, and made the arrangements for him. He didn't say it was good, or great, but said it was incredible! What he described was a marvelous five course meal, with wonderful selections. I could almost smell, taste and see the food as he painted a word picture of the evening. It sounds like Richard, the new honcho in the kitchen, has got game, and is taking our food from a bogey, to a birdie.

When I started my career at Bushwood Country Club, I observed that their club culture is to complain some, and criticize a little. I don't see much of that here at MCC. I challenge every member to have a meal at the club in October. If you don't rate the food at least a par, I'll give you a Spackler t-shirt. Appreciate the seasons, take pleasure in your club, savor the food, and ENJOY LIFE! cspackler@rocketmail.com

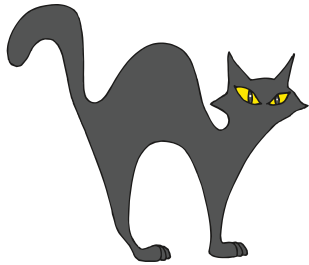
WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

NEWS FROM THE RED TEES

BY SHARI LINJALA,
MCCWGA PRESIDENT

August 2009 Chip-Ins: Sandy Blair, Judy Johnston, Sue O'Neil, Evonne Wells.

August 2009 Birdies: Sandy Blair, Lisa Buseman, Ellen Carey, Kate Joyce, Carol Key (3), Sue O'Neil, Ann Rausch, Marcia Reimers (2), Susan Toder.



Gretchen Walker & Lisa Buseman

Golf Ruling

Q: Bob and Sally are partners in a tournament. Sally's ball is lying on the green just behind the hole. Bob is chipping onto the green and asks Sally to not mark her ball, leaving it to deflect his ball, should he hit it too hard. Is this allowed?

A: No – Rule 22-1 Ball Assisting Play. In stroke play, if the Committee determines that competitors have agreed not to lift a ball that might assist any other player they are disqualified.

FALL LUNCHEON NOVEMBER 3, 2009

All MCC members and guests are welcome. Arlene Breum and Bonnie Snowden have planned an enjoyable event with a style show featuring fashions from Chicco. Plus petit de tout accessories and Silpada jewelry will be available for purchase. Call Bonnie (251-2330) or Arlene (251-3541) or e-mail Bonnie (bjsnowden@bresnan.net) for reservations. (11:30 AM - 1:30 PM) \$16 per person

AUGUST ECLECTIC WINNERS

Class A Gross	Jo Smith (67)
Class A Net	Beth Loehnen (56) Carol Van Valkenburg (56)
Class B Gross	Sue O'Neil-Stage (73)
Class B Net	Betty Andrews-Muralt (57)
Class C Gross	Arlene Breum (83) Janet Donahue (83)
Class C Net	Shari Linjala (83) Peggy Kane (55)
Class D Gross	Marlene Koch (89)
Class D Net	Margie Gall (53)



Shan Toussaint, Tammie Roy & June Lyons



Monica Weisel & Janet Kekich



Congratulations to All Night League Team Winners!!!

1st Place (217.5 pts):

Chix with Stix

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

2nd Place (213 pts):

Golf Bags

Sandy Blair
Rosann Cannon
Janet Donahue
Kerri Flaig
Sue Hadnot
Julie Williams

3rd Place (211.5 pts):

Shankapotamus

Dee Butorac
Julie Chaffee
Kate Joyce
Carol Key
Jo Smith

4th Place (211 pts):

Bunker Babes

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



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 11 am – 9 pm	2 11 am – 9 pm	3 11 am – 9 pm PRIVATE DINNER FUNCTION MEMBER DINING AVAILABLE IN LOUNGE
4 Lunch Service 11 am-7 pm	5 Lunch Service 11 am-7 pm	6 11 am – 9 pm	7 11 am – 9 pm PRIVATE LUNCHEON IN MILLER BARBER LIBRARY	8 11 am – 9 pm	9 11 am – 9 pm PRIVATE DINNER FUNCTION MEMBER DINING AVAILABLE IN LOUNGE	10 11 am – 9 pm PRIVATE DINNER FUNCTION MEMBER DINING AVAILABLE IN LOUNGE
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1 NOVEMBER	2	3 LADIES FALL LUNCHEON	4 PRIVATE LUNCHEON IN DINING ROOM MEMBER DINING AVAILABLE IN LOUNGE	5	6 PRIVATE DINNER FUNCTION MEMBER DINING AVAILABLE IN LOUNGE	7 PRIVATE FUNCTION MEMBER DINING AVAILABLE IN MILLER BARBER LIBRARY