

# Chef's Corner

First I would like to say hello to all and thank you for making my first few months here an exciting and fun time. I know there has been a few challenges that the kitchen crew and myself are aggressively pursuing to get solved to ensure that all the members have a great dining experience and enjoy the cuisine that we are preparing for you. We are looking forward to Mothers Day Brunch, hours are going to be 10:00-2:00, please make your reservations early. We will be introducing International Night this month, featuring Mexican cuisine. I would like to personally thank each of you for your patience and understanding. I do appreciate the input and suggestions I have gotten so far, if you have any suggestion for a dish you would like to see I am always ready to listen, please drop your comment in the payment box or let me know personally.

THANK YOU  
*Chef STEVE & STAFF*

## BANANA BELT SENIOR TOURNAMENT

The 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Tournament is history, and again the members and staff of the Clarkston Golf and Country Club stepped up and produced an amazing week of golf and hospitality. Thanks to all of you who worked so hard to make this a great week for all of the participants. Special thanks to our committee of Bill and Diane Mitchell and Steve and Barbara Cox, our volunteers, the Pro Shop staff, Bar and Dining Staff, Kitchen staff, Mike and his course maintenance crew and Jennifer and Judy in the office. We have the best people in the world at our club, and the compliments from our guests testified to this.

Thank you all  
*Fred and Lila Noland*

## LADIES LOUNGE

Our lounge renovation project is complete. I want to thank all of you who donated money or time to the completion of this endeavor. It never ceases to amaze me how when the call goes out for donations, you all step up and take care of it. We spent close to \$10,000, and all the bills have been paid with your donations. Thanks so much to Fred for all the hours of his skill and labor to finish this. Thanks to Diane Mitchell for handling the donations and always being ready to paint, sand, and shop with me. All of the members of the Clarkston Women's Golf Association and others are to be congratulated for their donations either of money or time to pull this off. All members are invited to stop by and take a look. (It might not be quite as spectacular as the men's, but we thank them for a plan to follow.)

Thanks to a Great Club  
*Lila Noland*



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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Bill Wykoff** ..... President  
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**David Witthaus** ..... Director

### CLUBHOUSE HOURS DINING HOURS

Monday..... CLOSED  
 Tuesday (lunch only) ..... 11 a.m.-3 p.m.  
 Wednesday-Friday ..... 11 a.m.-3 p.m.  
 ..... 5 p.m.-9 p.m.  
 Saturday ..... 11 a.m.-4 p.m.  
 ..... 5 p.m.-9 p.m.  
 Sunday (lunch only)..... 11 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

### LOUNGE

Monday..... CLOSED  
 Tuesday-Saturday ..... Open at 11 a.m.

**NOTE:** In the event of special parties, functions or large groups of members, the cocktail lounge hours will be extended to accommodate the membership. However, to comply with the state laws, Tuesday through Saturday may not exceed 2:00 a.m. and Sundays may not exceed 12 midnight.



CLARKSTON, WASHINGTON

# Clarkston

## Golf & Country Club

### Newsletter



MAY 2010

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we approach the end of my reign as Grand Poobah, it is time to reflect on the future. Joan and I had the good fortune to share dinner with the Banana Belt Seniors last night and it was a real treat. Thanks to Fred and Lila Noland for the invitation and also thanks to Bill and Diane Mitchell and Barb and Steve Cox who join Fred and Lila to form the Seniors Committee. It was a lot of work to organize this quality event and the effort is obvious in the outcome. Attendance has been down a bit the past couple of years, but that does not detract at all from the quality of the experience for those who came. Next year is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event and promises to be bigger and better. Plan on playing and contact your friends and invite them to attend as well—get your reservations in early as we are hoping to max the field.

Also it is good to consider and plan for the future needs of the club. As you look around the club you will see that much has been accomplished under the direction of this year's board. But maintenance and improvement are a continual responsibility and the future promises some big-ticket items. Probably our biggest bugaboo is the irrigation system. It was installed piecemeal in the 40's and 50's, and as evidenced by the sink hole event last year that dumped half a million gallons of water on the back nine, there are some time bombs waiting for the opportune moment to detonate. We can move heads around until the cows come home, but until we install a modern irrigation system we will have dry and wet spots and either the greens will be too hard or the collars will be too wet. Estimates for complete replacement are close to a million dollars, but there are opportunities for grants that encourage more efficient use of river water and would defray some of the cost, and we can space the project out over several years to soften the blow.

We will also need to do some pretty serious maintenance to our cart paths and service road. Right now, the repairs can probably be accomplished with a few spot repairs and application of a new layer of asphalt. Excessive delay will lead to deterioration of the roadbed and much more expensive repairs.

Finally, Board elections are upcoming. Gary Pfaff and Tom Jacobs served as the nominating committee and have convinced two excellent candidates to step forward. Bill Ledbetter and Pete Spellman have agreed to run the board. If you would be interested in serving the club in this capacity, please contact Gary or Tom.

There are undoubtedly other issues ahead, but my short experience as a member of the club has convinced me that the membership is up to any challenge. The Clarkston Golf and Country Club is the best value in the Northwest for Golf and Social activities and it is the generosity and dedication of our membership that makes that possible.

Bill Wykoff  
 Board President 2009-2010

### New Members

Corporate  
 Happy Day Restaurants  
 Bruce and Joy Finch  
 Tobe and Alicia Finch

Certificate Promotional  
 Gene and Viola Sherard

Social  
 Aaron Erickson  
 John and Sue Kirkland  
 Carol and Lee Pretz  
 Rajeane Webb

Young Adult  
 Jared and Chivonne Mraz  
 Jody and Jaimie Weeks

Out of Town  
 Ed and Debbie Brown  
 Gary and Marilyn Klug

# Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 9th  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm



- Fresh Fruit
- Fresh Vegetable Tray
- Assorted Salads
- Assorted Danish & Muffins
- Scrambled Eggs
- Bacon
- Sausage
- Biscuits & Gravy
- Roasted Turkey Breast
- Roasted Red Potatoes
- Steamed Vegetables
- Bite Size Steak
- Lemon Pepper Perch
- Crab & Shrimp Fettuccini
- Cashew Chicken Stir Fry

Assorted Desserts  
& Chocolate Fountain

Adults 14.95  
Children 5-10 7.95  
Children 4 & Under Free  
Reservations Call 758-2546

# ANNUAL FISHING DERBY

SUNDAY, MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>  
3:00pm - 5:00pm



Boys & Girls

grab Mom or Dad or Grandpa or Grandma

We'll all gather up and head out to the course ponds for some fun fishing.

The Biggest fish is the goal!  
Prizes, Pictures and Lunch are included

Fishing is limited to 14 years old and under

Catch and release only

Please bring you favorite rod & reel  
(a limited number of rods will be available)  
Worms & Hooks provided

Please call ahead for reservations to  
save your spot.

We'll gather on the patio at 2:45 for an  
information meeting then head to  
the ponds.



## FROM THE FAIRWAY



The weather this spring is unpredictable. We have had nice days followed by wind, rain and cool temperatures. Last year when I was writing the May letter the temps were in the mid eighties. I don't care for that kind of heat this time of year, but we are way below those temperatures. Well, with the lack of snow pack in the mountains we are due for a cooler and higher than normal precipitation rates for the remainder of the year.

We delayed aerification to the greens due to wet weather. Our next scheduled aerification is May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully the weather cooperates. We are deep tinning the greens this spring. Typical heal time is ten to fourteen days with decent weather. All tees are aerified with over seeding to all par three tees and others that receive a lot of iron play. The "CGCC" landscape project at the mound on eight fairway led by Cliff Carrick turned out great! The tennis court is ready for play. When you are completed with your match, please broom the court and lines so it is ready for play for the following players.

Repair your ball mark and one more to help maintain a smooth putting surface. Use the cart paths around the greens; if there isn't a path remember to keep your carts thirty feet from the green. Sand and seed is available at the pro shop. Return your sand and seed bottle at the end of your round, empty or full. If you have any questions or comments stop me on the course or call me at the maintenance facility.

*Thank you, Mike Waisanen, Superintendent*

# THE PRO SHOP

If you happen to be one of the few that read this portion of the newsletter you will not be surprised to see that Mike and his staff have already or are preparing to aerify the greens May 3 & 4. For those of you that line your birdcage with my monthly submission...surprise. The aerification was scheduled for April 6 but poor weather forced us to move the date. Fortunately the warmer temperatures of May will allow the greens to heal quickly. There are several tournaments this month and May is when people like to get going golf wise; but if you are somewhat flexible with your plans there are enough open times that we will do our best and should be able to accommodate your golf needs.

We recently held a meeting with the PNGA representative and they asked for us to host the 109<sup>th</sup> Womens Amateur along with the Womens Mid Amateur July 12-16. This is a really big deal with some of the best women players competing for this prestigious championship. There is no age limit for the amateur but the handicap limit is 12.4. For the Mid Am you must be at least 25 years of age and the minimum handicap index allowed is 16.4. The deadline for entries is June 21 and entry forms may be downloaded from the website [www.thepnga.org](http://www.thepnga.org). The PNGA reserves some spots for the host club, I encourage all of our eligible players to sign up and play and you will love the experience.

### REMINDERS

Pool season will soon be upon us. Starting out the season until school lets out for the summer the swimming pool will be open only on weekends from 1:00 – 6:00 pm. Swim instruction for 2010 will be provided by Jody & Rachele Ausman, these ladies do a fine job and you will find their schedule posted around the clubhouse and in next months newsletter.

Ladies once again we are offering our Golf 101 clinics. This is a great, fun and non-intimidating way to get started or simply improve your golf game. The clinics will be held each Wednesday night at 5:30 beginning May 19 and ending June 30. We will attempt to address and improve all of your knowledge about all facets of the game of golf during the 7 weeks.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Keith Olson scored his second career hole in one on March 28 during the 8-Man Tournament. Keith used a 9 iron on #7 from 132 yards for that ace. Chris McConnell is 3 for 3 in Pro-Ams this year. His 72 at Clarkston, 67 at Quail Ridge and 68 at the Coeur d'Alene Resort lead all amateurs in those events.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>May</u>		
3-4	Spring Green Aerification	Mon/Tues
9	Mothers Day Mixer	Sun
14	Friday Night Couples	Fri
15	Whipple Cup @ CGCC	Sat
16	Whipple Cup @ LGCC	Sun
19	Ladies Golf Clinic	Wed
21	Clarkston Chamber Golf Challenge	Fri
21	Friday Night Fights @ LGCC	Fri
30-31	Memorial Day Couples	Sun/Mon
<u>June</u>		
14	LC Valley Jr. Golf	Mon
15	NRGA	Tues

## International Night

Thursday, May 13th

Beef or Chicken Chimichungas

Beef or Chicken Enchiladas

Refried Beans

Spanish Rice

Tostadas

Chips and Salsa with sour cream and guacamole

Chili rellones

Carnitas-chili verde

Ahorros con piolo

\$13.95 - Buffet Style



## Social Committee Report

I hope those of you with children age 14 and under have been getting ready for our "Fishing Derby" on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. If you are a grandparent and have grandchildren in the area please bring them and join us for a day of fun. Jerry Hume and his volunteers are planning a great day with prizes and food after the derby. There will be something for each child. It would be great if you would make reservations so we know how many worms and poles we will need. If you don't have a fishing pole we can provide one for your child. Don't forget Bunko on May 11, we have been having a great time and the more the merrier.

I hope all of you have a great summer and after the June Bunko we will be done until the fall.

*Julie Jacobs, Social Chair*