

Juniper Golf Club Newsletter



From the Board

As announced in last month's newsletter, on 10/8, the Board and management staff hosted an open meeting to discuss membership and public play pricing options for the upcoming 2010 season. The feedback at this meeting, as well as informal input from several members prior to and subsequent to the 10/8 meeting, produced many good suggestions. Bruce and Mark have taken these ideas and developed recommendations which were presented to the Board at our regular October meeting.

As you all know, 2009 has been a difficult year for Juniper. Faced with the results of a tough economic recession, both membership and public play have declined from the previous year. We have done our best to control costs and offer periodic promotions to attract more golfers. In fact, our decrease in round count has been significantly less than other Central Oregon golf courses. While these rounds have been played at a lower average revenue level than last year, it has demonstrated that our superb golf course can attract players if we can find the right price structure for membership and public play.

At our November Board meeting (moved to the 5th due to the Thanksgiving Holiday), the Board will discuss and act on management's proposal to restructure our membership options and provide more attractive public play alternatives. Our goal is to provide the best "golf value" in Central Oregon and attract more golfers to Juniper in the coming golf season.

For members, this means creating additional membership categories that will give members more choices. The new program starts with a basic social membership level that incorporates a more flexible food minimum policy. On top of that, members can choose the level of golf and the price that best fits their individual situation.

For players that do not choose one of the membership options, we plan to offer punch card programs, resident discount rates, senior discount days and other incentives to attract more players. Member or occasional player, we want Juniper to be your first choice for golf.

Look for a further description of these new options in the GM and Head Pro's column in this newsletter. Although details will not be finalized until the 11/5 Board meeting, I also invite each of you to stop by and discuss options with our staff. We want to see all of you back next year, along with many new friends. In the meantime, enjoy the remaining golf days in 2009. We are still due to have some fine Fall golf weather before Winter sets in!

For the Board,
Paul Klotz

Communication

This is the first newsletter that is distributed on-line only. Printed copies can be picked up at the office if you do not have internet accessibility. In our never ending attempts to cut costs, we will no longer be printing and mailing our club newsletter. We believe communication to our members is very important. As printing and postage costs continue to increase, we look at ways to use current technology to save on these costs. Again, printed copies will be available at the office.

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Ladies Club News

Another golf season has passed all too quickly! We knew it was coming when our Deer Widows Tournament ended after just one days' play due to the extreme weather. We did have many Juniper ladies in the winners circle including: Sue Boyle, Becky Carl, Sue Adams, Kareen Queen, Nancy Hakala, Janet King, Pam Garney, Carol Ann Still, Sally Martin, Jackie Yake, Darlene Ross and Carole Leonard. Huge thanks once again to our tournament chairs Marilyn Baer and Shar Wanichek!

But don't put those stix away just yet! Bruce has set aside as many slots as we need on Wednesdays through November starting at 10:00. Just show up and the pro shop will get us going.

Our closing luncheon was held on October 28 with many ladies wearing Halloween costumes – what a hoot! The cameras were going wild!! Nate prepared a very fun Halloween-themed menu for us. The dessert was gross, but delicious and very clever! Hopefully we will all turn out in costumes for our closing luncheon next year – it's not too early to start shopping.

Our new officers for next year are as follows:

President: Becky Carl

Vice President: Shar Wanichek

Secretary: Mary Ann Doyle

Treasurer: Maria Langworthy

Golf Governors: Cherie Kurth

Linda Wakefield

Visitation Chair: Judy Davidson

Wednesday Play Chair: Darlene Ross

House and Social: Carol Mitchell

Bylaws Chair: Fran Atchison

Past President: Becky Carl

There were some special awards presented at our luncheon. Congratulations to:

Sue Boyle, Most Improved Golfer

Barb Schreiber, OWGA gift recipient

We also collected about \$350.00 for our pet charity, Birdies 4 Babies. The ladies club board of

governors added an additional \$100.00 to that amount. Thanks to all of you who donated to this very needy charitable organization.

Your dues for 2010 may be paid between now and our opening breakfast to: Maria Langworthy, JLGC Treasurer, 1482 Eagle Springs Court, Redmond, OR 97756. Returning members are \$50.00, new members are \$55.00 and social members are \$30.00. You can also just drop your check in the pink mailbox in the locker room.

Please mark your calendars for Monday, November 30 – we'll be decorating the clubhouse for Christmas. The more, the merrier! Everyone is invited, so please come lend a helping hand.

The Christmas luncheon will be on Wednesday December 9 at 11:00. Details will be on the bulletin board as the time draws nearer. You are welcome to participate in all or some of the following:

*Cookie exchange – bring at least 8 dozen with the recipe

*White elephant exchange – nice used items such as DVDs, cookbooks, Christmas decorations, golf balls that are not your color – use your imagination!

*Humane Society donations such as good rags, cleaning supplies, dog or cat food, cash contributions – there will be a list of needed items on the bulletin board

Finally, thanks so much to everyone in the ladies club for entrusting me to serve as the president of our organization this year. It has been my pleasure and honor to do so. Everyone on the board, committees and subcommittees worked so well together and we had another year of very smooth sailing – even in these tough economic times.

Becky Carl

President



From the Greens

The time has come for us to enter into the winter golf season and with that comes some regulations for the use of the golf course. As in years past, we will utilize temporary greens for approximately a two month period beginning in mid-December. This has proven to be a very beneficial way to protect our greens during the dormant winter season. Also, golf carts will be restricted to paths only once the course shows signs of entering the non-growing season as well. Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

It comes with joy and sorrow that I must announce the departure of a long time employee of Juniper Golf Club, not to mention a very good friend of mine. Francisco Morales has decided that he will be leaving Central Oregon for the warmer pastures of California at the end of November. As the only remaining employee that I inherited when I came to Juniper, Francisco has been an instrumental part of the success we have realized as a department. During construction of the "new" course, he held things together on the "old" course and since moving over here, he has kept this irrigation system in top shape, in addition to the many intangibles that he brings to the table. It will be an extremely tall task to replace him, yet I would like to thank him for his many great years of

assistance. For any of you who have had a chance to get to know him, you can understand what a void he leaves behind.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank a few members for their efforts beyond the call of duty. First, thanks go out to Don Schreiber for making an additional 20 or so broken tee boxes. These have really helped in keeping the teeing surfaces tidy. Additionally, thank you to Pat Woerner for his relentless efforts in the Adopt-A-Hole program. Pat was out bright and early with the crew weekly, if not more than once a week at times, doing his part to keep up with fairway divots. While he had chosen to take care of #6, he never stopped there and a few times I observed him making his way around the entire course. I have also seen the Men's club take out buckets of divot mix when they play as well.

Thanks go out to all the members for their efforts on the course and their respective holes. The Maintenance Department was certainly able to notice a difference and encourages everyone to keep up these efforts through the winter months and next year as well.

Regards,
Patrick Reilly, JGC Superintendent

"The reason the pro tells you to keep your head down is so you can't see him laughing"

Men's Club News

On October 1st, we held the Men's Club Championship tournament. The winner in the Gross division was Roger Aikin with a very impressive 73. In the Net division there was a three way tie at 69. Lloyd Larsen was the winner in a card-off. Their names will go on the perpetual plaques.

The annual "Closing Dinner" was held on October 15th and there were 70 members and guests in attendance. Thanks to Nate and his staff for a great meal. At this dinner, there were several presentations. The big winners in the Eclectic tournament were Johnny McDanniel in the Gross division with a 58 and Lynn Kurth with a net 42. The other winners were acknowledged and the results are posted on the bulletin board. Another

award given at the dinner was the "Most Improved Golfer" which went to Bob Babcock.

Byren Dahlen's term on the Men's Club Board has expired and an election took place to replace him. Ed Allumbaugh was elected to serve a three year term.

The Ladies Club hosted a beer, wine and appetizer event after our play on October 22nd for all the guys who helped out at their events by handling bags for their visitors and other chores. It was appreciated by all.

Even though we had our "Closing Dinner" last month, play goes on with a regular 9:30 shotgun start on Thursdays. Starting November 30th, the shotgun start will shift to 11:00.



GM ~ Views & News

The Member Forum/Board meeting held on October 8th brought 15-20 members out to voice their opinions and ideas on how to better structure dues and fees. There was a positive tone to the meeting and we have attempted to compile some of those ideas into a cohesive membership offering.

There will be a special Board Meeting on November 5th at 5:00pm to present all of the membership proposals for the coming year and to discuss and adopt those deemed appropriate. Everyone is invited to attend of course and I think there will be some exciting new offerings that will help everyone choose Juniper Golf Club for their golf home.

It is no secret that this has been a very challenging year in the golf industry with revenue down in all areas of the operation. While we can work hard to contain costs at the risk of trimming services, we also feel it is a perfect time to position our club as THE place to play golf and start the process of increasing revenue as we move forward. This combination of cost containment and revenue growth will help us build a stronger club that will make it easier to keep golf affordable for all while providing an outstanding venue that we all love and respect.

As always, members are encouraged to offer their ideas and suggestions on how to improve the club and we welcome that input. Come to the meeting on the 5th of November, drop suggestions in the box in the lobby, email or call me or any of the board members or just stop in the office and talk. We do care about each and every one of you and know that everyone is facing challenges.

Along those lines of caring, we are going to start a rewards program for the members who use and support the club the most. We are working out the details but it will include discounts for all areas of the club and a year end social event for those who qualify during the course of the year. Our best customers are our best customers and we want to treat them to some special things to show them how much their support is appreciated.

The Tournament and Social Committee will meet on November 3rd to discuss plans for the member Christmas Party, New Years Eve and the Crab Feed. Details will be in the December newsletter but keep those events on your Radar.

The winter shotgun will be starting the Monday

after Thanksgiving this year. We will go to temporary greens when the weather dictates and hopefully that won't happen for a long time. This policy, while bothersome to a few, is one of the reasons we feel we have outstanding greens the rest of the year and we thank everyone for their understanding during this short period of time. I know some members have gotten to enjoy the different challenge of going low on the temps and basically the game remains the same...beat your opponents!

There will also be winter times posted for the restaurant soon. We are working on that schedule now and trying to strike the right balance between service and cost containment.

The weather is pretty decent as I write this column so I encourage everyone to get out and enjoy some golf while you can. Soon, it may become very challenging!

Mark Crose

*"The people who gave us golf
and called it a game are the
same people who gave us bag
pipes and called it music."*

Athletes in

Action..



Nancy Hakala knocked in a wedge shot on #12 for a eagle. Rumor has it that she now was an "Eagle Flask". Congratulations Nancy!

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Pat Woerner just got a new set on Mizuno MP-62 irons and broke them in with a nice round of 66 from the GREEN tees. I suggested to him that they might be MP-66 irons. Anyway, a great round of golf!. Congratulations Pat!

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Bob Cooper holed an wedge shot on the 18th hole for an eagle in the Season Closer. Congratulations to Bob!

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Scott Martin holed an 150 yard 7 iron shot on the 11th hole for an eagle . A two on the eleventh hole is pretty darn good! Congrats!



Pro Shop News

“The Pro” says.....

We had some goofy weather days this past month. Snow on October 4th is a little unusual. Then some good weather and then a cold rainy day. Humm! I guess that's Fall in Central Oregon.

Our tournament schedule is pretty much over for 2009. All in all, I think we had a good year and I am already starting to work on 2010 as we host the Oregon Open again in June.

Mother Nature won the Deer Widows Invitational. Yes, we did have snow on Sunday morning. So we cancelled day two and paid off on our day one leaders. Congratulations to Sue Boyle and Doris Yillik tying with Mindy Rutkowski and Darcie Trimmer for the low gross score. Sally Martin and partner Jackie Yake shot the low net round of 64. Salute to all 51 teams for braving a cold day on Saturday. Next year will be better.

The Season Closer was a great time for the 15 teams that played. The weather was great and school colors clad participants enjoyed a great dinner by Chef Nate. John Lanning-Judy Swift teamed with Mark Willard-Darlene Allman to shoot a 63 and take the gross title. Ron & Alyce Grace teamed with Bob & Jackie Cooper to take the net title with a fine score of 56. Congratulations to all our winners!

We played the 10th version of the Bragging Rights tournament. The guys prevailed this year with an 8 ½ to 3 ½ score. That makes it 7 for the guys and 3 for the gals. Nancy Hakala picked up the lone win for the gals. There were 5 ties. So the gals get the kleenex box and the guys get the bragging rights for the next year.

With the loss of Daylight Savings time, we change our range hours. Effective Sunday, November 1st, the range closes at 4 PM. That means done hitting balls by 4. We need time to get the balls picked before dark. Thank you.

The winter shotguns will start on November 30th. Our procedure is to start at 11 AM, frost permitting. We do not accept tee times so just show up between 10 and 10:30 to get a tee assignment. Everyone that shows up before 11 will get a place to start. Any play after 11 will be placed on the course, space permitting. Typically we do not have room on just a couple days a year. If it's 50 degrees, and you want to come out after 11 AM, it would be a good idea to call and see if

we are full. The shotgun system has worked out well. It allows us to get everyone on the golf course during the warmest part of the day and everyone still finish before dark.

We are getting close to shutting down the irrigation system. The scheduled date is November 10-12th. That's a sure sign of the grass heading into dormancy and the winter season starting. The grass does not replenish itself and traffic control becomes important. Power carts will be restricted to paths and temporary greens will be put in place. Mother nature will be telling Patrick when it is time but it is upcoming. What we do in the winter has a direct bearing on the condition of the course in the Spring. We strive for a superior product during the golf season. We believe our greens were the best in Central Oregon this past season and we strive to continue that distinction into perpetuity.

Probably the most dramatic news, in my opinion, revolves around the possible changes to our membership structure and green fee promotions. We got some great ideas at the October Membership Forum and through board discussions, several options will be presented at the November 5th Board Meeting. I think the main gist of the proposal is that we are trying to lower everyone's financial commitment to golf in 2010 and get more people to help share paying the bill. When all of the proposals come out, be sure to check all of the options and choose the one that fits your situation. In listening to the input, we find that everyone's situation is a little different and our goal is to present something that might work for most everyone. One huge proposal is addressing the partial year resident. We have struggled with this issue for years. I think we have come to the belief that getting out of Central Oregon for a few months in the winter has become part of the “lifestyle” of being a Central Oregonian. The other exciting issue is addressing the demographic of 20-39 year old players. This “middle age” player is vital to our long term health. Stay tuned!

It's been a good month to be a Duck! The football victory over USC has the entire duck population quacking! **“Go Ducks!”**

Till next month.....

Bruce





Juniper Golf Club

Calendar of Events

November Activities & Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Savings Time Ends	2	3	4	5 Rotary Board Mtg.	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Rotary	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Rotary	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Closed Thanksgiving	27	28
29	30 Winter Shotgun Start Begins					



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Golf Shop Hours

Daily.....8:00 AM - Dusk

Committee Meetings

Board:
 Thursday, Nov. 5—5:30pm

Greens & Golf Ops:
 Wednesday, Nov. 11 - 5 PM

Tournament & Social:
 Wednesday, Nov.3 – 5 PM

Finance:
 Wednesday, Nov. 10– 4 PM

December Activities & Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Rotary	4	5
6	7	8	9 Juniper Ladies Christmas Luncheon	10 Rotary	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Rotary	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Closed Christmas	26
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Party	January 1 Closed New Year's Day	



Hours

Breakfast
 Mon-Wed.....Closed
 Thu-Sat.....8 AM—11 AM
 Sun.....8AM—1PM

Lunch
 Daily.....10 AM- CLOSE

Dinner
 Sun-Wed.....Closed
 Thur-Italian5 PM - 8 PM
 Fri-Sat.....5 PM—8 PM

Reservations
 Call 548-8198