

OASIS GOLF CLUB

Monthly Newsletter to Members

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DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Randy Tickner

A big thank you to the Roadrunner Member Guest Committee (Marty Conway, chairman) and crew. They did a great job. The field of 58 teams enjoyed 2 days of great golf, great food and great weather. The tournament results are on the web site. (www.theoasisgolfclub.com)



The 10th annual fish fry was a great success with over 100 attending. Many thanks to Mathew for his help.

Members need to leave a forwarding address for mail if it is different from what the club has been using in the past. Contact Linda.

Oasis Golf Club will host the Mesquite Amateur on May 31, June 1 and 2. Member tee times will be available. Check in the golf shop.

The goose patrol has been active in pursuing the geese that have paired and have nests. There were a few goslings that slipped through but fewer than last year.

With more definition between the roughs and fairways, the fairways are being widened.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Golf Truism: If there's a storm rolling in, you'll be having the game of your life.



2011 MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONS

Joanne and Bryan Florence
Sweep both Women's 1st flight and
Men's overall

And
Congratulations to Betty Pancost,
Women's 2nd flight

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Rick and Colleen
Burton**

The membership survey has been received and is being analyzed. The final tally of results, pared down from its current 155+ pages, and a narrative including comments about how the concerns registered will be resolved in a summary was sent via email to the membership. A limited number of hard copies will be available at the clubhouse. The review will address issues that may effect some change and those that cannot be considered due to monetary concerns or other disabling factors. Look for the review on line as well.

There is a possibility for a couples' social competition with a group at Conestoga. The idea is in infancy and no details have been put forward. The notion is for a once a month game and social event to occur at alternating clubs. If anyone is interested in helping to organize or has ideas for format, see Adam.

There have been concerns about the condition of our bunkers. Scott addressed the concerns. Bunkers are labor intensive. They take as much time to dress as any green. Due to limited staff, bunkers are totally worked with the tractor about twice a week. Ideally, this happens every day, but is impossible with current staff numbers. Another problem is that the tines on the tractor rake ideally would be set at four to six inches, but when that depth is set, it brings rocks to the surface of the bunkers and damages the edges. As a result the tines are set at about two/three inches and that leaves a too shallow "fluffed" depth of worked sand. A solution would be to line the base of the bunkers. That is not a possibility at this time. The weeds growing in the bunkers on Palmer #16 are being sprayed and should disappear.

The inconsistency on our greens is due to the climate in which we live. Two factors are growth seasons combined with the need to overseed with different types of grass. Periods of fast growing vs. slow growth mixed with Bermuda grass season and winter overseed makes for inconsistency. The staff is trying to keep the surface as uniform as possible by applying a variety of cuts and rolling procedures to the greens—more rolling, verti-cut, and double cuts in fast growing periods and early overseed and less in slow growth periods of heat and midwinter seasons. The other variable is that we have a variety of times in which greens were built. The original Palmer greens are older and built by one company with the exception of #9, which was altered. Then there are the original nine Vista greens and finally the newer front nine of the Canyons greens. All of this creates challenges that the greens crew tries to resolve.

#2 Canyons: The thick grass on the right side of the drive landing area has been cut, but will be shortened more while still left long enough to try to keep shots from rolling into the hazard area.

#3 Canyons: More environmental (green tipped) stakes will be added at the turn of the cart path about 100 yards from the green to facilitate a better definition of the hazard area.

#4 Canyons: The blue/white tee box area will altered. The white tee area will be brought up to a level closer to that of the blue tee box. This will enable an area nearly double the size of the current area to be used as teeing ground. Many of our tee boxes need work. Some will be leveled and repaired this summer.

#6 Canyons: The cart path through the desert leading up to the tee boxes is having rocks added and drainage work done to avoid the mudslide problems that make the path impassable after rains.

#9 Canyons: The water feature is back in operation.

#10 Canyons: Drainage work will be evaluated to see if the wet areas of the fairway left of the cart path near the left side bunker can be dried up.

#7 Palmer: Work on the handrail to the forward tee box is under construction.

Repairing Divots - Are You Doing It The Right Way?

by the Scott Polychronis

adapted from the *USGA Green Section Record*

Q: There seems to be confusion about how much divot mix should be used to fill fairway divots. Is there a proper amount?

A: The proper amount of divot mix (usually sand or a mixture comprised primarily of sand) is surprisingly small because it should be only the amount needed to replace the soil that was removed. Filling divot level higher than the existing playing surface, i.e. turfgrass canopy, is overfilling. Not only is this a waste of divot mix, but the extra sand will slow turfgrass recovery because seedlings and/or lateral regenerative growth of surrounding vegetation will be scalped by mowers. This leads to the second problem when divots are overfilled because sand particles dull and damage mower blades.

Overfilling does more harm than good.



[Video on divot etiquette](#) (from the USGA Spirit of the Game II DVD—put cursor on the word "video", hold down "control" button and click on your mouse when you are connected to the internet to view this video)

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FROM THE GOLF SHOP

Adam Schwartz

April was surely a month of great course conditions and great weather. I know just through casual conversations with our fellow members, I have heard nothing but praise for the improved conditions at the front nine of the Canyons. A lot of the credit should be handed out to both our course superintendents, Scott & Hector. Everyone should be proud of the two courses that reside at the Oasis G.C. I would like to thank all the members for having patience enduring "cart path only" on several of the front nine holes on the Canyons this year. Without your willingness, I believe the fairways would not look and play the way they do.

I would also like to congratulate all the winners in the Roadrunner Member/Guest Tournament that was held April 14th-16th. Here is a list of all the winners:

Men:

Stricker Flight: Drew & Kyle McDermaid
Mickelson Flight: Mike Weber & Blake Roush
Els Flight: Lowell Killpack & Aaron Kennard

Women

Gulbis Flight: Karen Killpack & Jodi White
Creamer Flight: Elaine Fratto & Charlene Els

Horserace

Stricker Flight: Doug Reed & Cory Gardiner
Mickelson Flight: Larry Nicholls & David Smith
Els Flight: Lowell Killpack & Aaron Kennard
Gulbis Flight: Allison Webb & Stephanie O'Hara
Creamer Flight: Cean Weber & Terry Roush

*Congratulations to all the Winners!

I also give praise to the volunteer committee who worked diligently to make this a great event to play in...

<i>Marty Conway</i>	<i>Terry Donnelly</i>	<i>JoAnn Florence</i>
<i>Mark Hansen</i>	<i>Ron Rigatti</i>	<i>Perry MacMillan</i>
<i>Curt Hansen</i>		

I would also like to acknowledge Tom Stolte for winning the Kilroy Cup for the 2010-11 season. Next year he will defend his title at the young, restless age of 80 years old. Congratulations on the fine play, Tom!

Just a reminder in May that tee times will start at 6:00am. Looking ahead, I have been in conversation with several members about the possibility of having more social and golf events tied together. Some of the key platform ideas I would like to outline that several members and myself are looking forward to in the fall is a 9-hole casual couples happy hour, team play competition against other membership clubs in St. George and Mesquite, and possibly a new Member/Guest Social. Details will follow once arrangements are set.

Have a great summer!



THE CLUBHOUSE

HAPPENINGS –

Mathew John

THE GRILL ROOM

OPEN 7:00 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

EVERYDAY

THE REDD ROOM

OPEN 5:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

EARLY BIRD SPECIALS 5:00 P.M. TO
6:00 P.M.

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Congratulations

2010-2011

Kilroy Cup




TOM STOLTE




BOB KRUCKLES

Wednesday, April 27
Canyons #7, 114 yards using a Pitching Wedge

May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2 Men's Day	3 Ladies Day	4	5 Thursday Couples	6	7
8 	9 Men's Day	10 Ladies Day	11	12 Thursday Couples	13	14
15	16 Men's Day	17 Ladies Day	18	19 Thursday Couples	20	21
22	23 Men's Day	24 Ladies Day	25	26 Thursday Couples	27	28
29	30 Men's Day	31 Ladies Day				

June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Thursday Couples	3	4
5	6 Men's Day	7 Ladies Day	8	9 Thursday Couples	10	11
12	13 Men's Day	14 Ladies Day	15	16 Thursday Couples	17	18
19 	20 Men's Day	21 Ladies Day	22	23 Thursday Couples	24	25
26	27 Men's Day	28 Ladies Day	29	30 Thursday Couples		