

President's Message

July 2021

Happy 4th of July! Looks like our weather is going to cooperate— although I'm sure we would all welcome some rain. Who would have thought the PNW would be hotter than AZ?! We're pretty lucky that it's been nice here.

New Members:

We have a couple new members to welcome. Irene Harvey and Judi Yazzie have joined our group. Judi played with us as a guest last week. Welcome ladies!!

Off Site Events:

Our next MP guest league day is Tuesday, July 6. If you signed up remember to wear red, white and blue! Should be a fun day. The next MP day is August 3 at Preserve.... hopefully a shotgun start. Watch for the sign up in late July.

Jean Cheszek has arranged an event at Oro Valley Country Club on Monday, July 26. An invitation will be sent out a couple weeks prior. They can only accommodate 40 players so the first 40 to respond will have a spot. It shouldn't be a problem since many are traveling this summer. Thank you to Jean for setting this up! Details:

- OVCC Off Site Golf Day
- Monday, July 26 –8:30 am Shotgun start
- \$45 for non-members of OVCC
- A note that the restaurant will be closed that day so bring snacks!

Course Update:

Just a few bullets on key info. Some info is from the Forecaddie and some from the Grounds Subcommittee of the Greens Committee.

- The course and pro shop will be closed on Wednesdays throughout the summer
- Welcome to Aaron Thomas, our new Superintendent of Golf Course Maintenance. He's doing a great job!
- 99,000 square feet of sod is coming! That's a LOT of turf. Goal is to have it laid by August 1. Please keep off the new sod. Most will be marked but there is so much of it some may not be. New sod is pretty easy to spot so please just go around it.
- Tee box work is completed including additional gold tees. Note the whiffle balls are gone and have been replaced with rocks like the other tees.
- Gates are being added back gradually. Please be on the lookout and use them.
- When entering, leaving or on the fairways, please avoid the weak areas. Drive on healthy green areas instead. Those areas are more mature and can withstand the traffic and recover more quickly than those areas that are struggling.
- An additional irrigation person has been hired. Now there is one dedicated to the front 9 and one to the back 9. Their work is evident in the areas that are now drying out and getting much better. There is still work to be done on cleaning out some drains or removing thatch.

League Day:

Our next board meeting has been postponed until the end of July. So many are traveling, we didn't have a quorum earlier. Hopefully, we will have more information on when the greens will reopen then.

REMINDER: Our League Day team utilizes Golf Genius to determine pairings and tee assignments. The golf maintenance crew monitors the tee sheet to determine which holes will be open to complete their morning maintenance. **PLEASE start play from your assigned tee and A or B position** so that we don't impact their workflow.

Happy 4th of July! Stay safe, stay well, and have fun!

Jeanne