

JUNIPER GOLF COURSE NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE MANAGEMENT

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the warm welcome I have received. I have only been here for a few weeks and everyone has been very nice and helpful. My family and I are getting settled in our new home and I am ready to help make sure that 2012 at Juniper will be a great year.

We have had a dry winter so far and it is great to see all the people out to play the course each day. Remember that the deadline for the annual renewals is January 20 for all the members that paid the annual in 2011. The 2012 member rates have been posted on the website at www.playjuniper.com. I am really looking forward to working with the membership as well as playing a little golf with as many members as I can.

The staff and I are working on getting all the 2012 events scheduled and we will publish a monthly calendar to keep all the members informed of the activities here at Juniper. Also for 2012 we will have new driving range prices in effect. Annual plans include a Single plan for \$150 and a Family plan for \$250. Both are unlimited range balls for the entire year. Members will also get individual bucket price for only \$2.00 per token. A new range machine will be installed in the spring which will allow us to use range value cards. As a member you will be able to buy the range card at a large discounted price of 30% to 40% off the regular prices. We will have more details on this as we approach March and April.

As you all know the golf course this past Fall and Winter has been in fantastic shape, as you see Kurt Noonan and all of his crew out on the course please give them a big thank you for keeping the golf course in great shape all year. We also have a great selection of merchandise in the golf shop so stop buy and see our selection of products and use your golf shop credits. My door is always open so please feel free to stop by anytime.

Steve Bratcher, PGA
General Manager
Juniper Golf Course



**2012 ANNUAL CRAB FEED
JUNIPER GOLF COURSE**
Saturday - January 28th 6:00 PM
\$32.00 per person

Our House Made Clam Chowder
Fresh Green Salad
Nate's Designer Breads
Dungeness Crab
Blackened Catfish
New England Style Red Potatoes
Buttered Corn Kernels
Blackberry Cobbler w/vanilla Ice Cream

Reservations are required. Please call Carol @
541-923-8198 or reserve via e-mail at
oburnett@playjuniper.com

Event Calendar

January

- 1 New Years Day—Closed
- 26 Golf Commission Mtg.
- 28 Crab Feed

February

- 23 Golf Commission Mtg.

March

- 16 CO Winter Series Event

April

- 4 Ladies Opening
- 5 Men's Opening
- 21 Season Opener

May

- 8 OPGA Sr. Pro-Am
- 19-20 Juniper Chapman
- 22 COSWGA

June

- 9 Course Co. Champ Qualify
- 16-17 Central Oregon Scramble

July

- 11 Ladies Member-Guest
- 17 OWGA
- 21-22 Juniper Club Championship
- 24 CO Junior
- 30 USGA Men's Am Qualifying

August

- 11-12 Juniper Man-Gal
- 20 CO Senior Men
- 28 Oregon Seniors

September

- 8-9 Juniper Best Ball
- 29-30 Deer Widows Invitational

October

- 27 Season Closer



LADIES CLUB NEWS

The Ladies Club ended the year with a great Christmas luncheon arranged by Pam Garney, our House and Social Chair. We were entertained by a group called Bella Acappella. They were fantastic and our own Shan Wattenburger was one of the lead singers. James, as usual, did a superb lunch for us and a good time was had by all. We also contributed a good sum of money and lots of supplies to the Humane Society to take care of all those fuzzy little creatures that we all love.

The weather seems to have changed dramatically so it doesn't look like we'll be golfing as much as we did the last few weeks. But don't forget that there will be

games in the clubhouse on those days when it's too wet or windy to golf. And starting on January 4th, we're going to have Winter Wednesday games on the golf course for those who want to participate.

Also, if you haven't yet paid your dues for the coming year, please take care of that by putting a check for \$50 in the pink mailbox. We'd like to get your names in no later than the end of January so that you'll be listed in our new handbook.

Happy New Year to you all and let's look forward to a great year on the golf course!

Linda Wakefield
JLGC President

MENS CLUB NEWS

Looking back, we all complained that spring arrived about 3 days before summer. Now, our fall has looked as if summer has extended into December and we are not complaining.

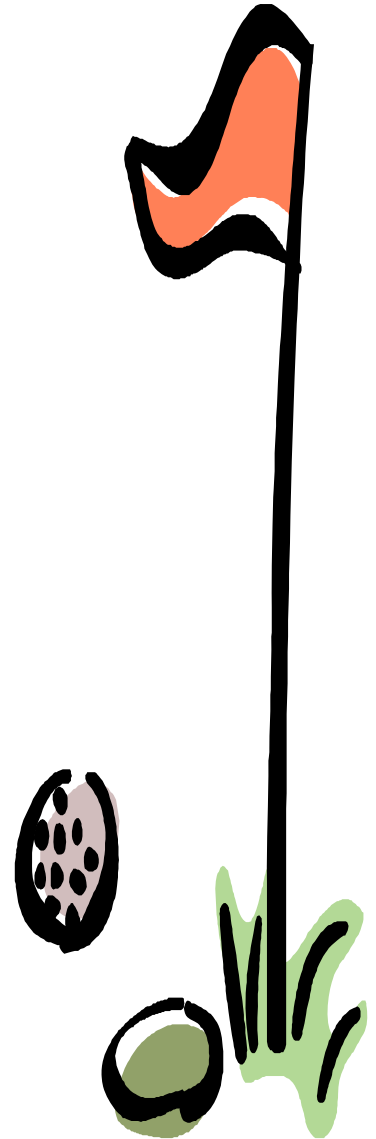
Playing from the white tees, temporary greens and those great big holes there have been some amazing results. For example, the old master, Bill Nelson, shooting a NET 51! Nice going Bill.

Also, Bob Cooper has found a unique way to play the 9th. Using his controlled(?) fade

Coop puts his ball onto the lake, six or eight bounces later the ball stops on land, past the lake and just a wedge to the green! No comment here on his actual wedge shot. Maybe we should think of a winter eclectic, the results could be shocking. Any interest for this?

I hope all had a great holiday season. Now let's make do with whatever nice days show up and play some fun winter golf.

Dick Kane
Men's Club President



"My golf swing is like ironing a shirt. You get one side smoothed out, turn it over and there is a big wrinkle on the other side. You iron that side, turn it over and there's another wrinkle."

~ Tom Watson ~



FROM THE GREENS

Greetings and Happy New Year from the maintenance shop! The month started with mild, sunny days followed by very cold overnight lows. It then ended with our first measurable rain in many weeks which made us very happy as the soil was becoming extremely dry. The month saw us switch over to temporary greens, topdressing the permanent greens, spraying fairways for snow mold prevention, topdressing tees, putting out vole traps, putting in a couple silt fences in bunkers to protect against the wind from blowing sand out, and other projects getting ready for winter. The main reason we topdress the permanent greens is to protect the crowns from the wind and cold. That little bit of sand does a wonderful job of doing just that. A wonderful side benefit of this topdressing is that as it rains the sand works its way into the profile which will help in smoothing things out come spring.

I know the transition to temporary greens is not always a popular decision but it is the best way to ensure the survival and long term health of our bentgrass greens. Any damage we do now, whether it be from walking or carts, will not heal up till late spring. One of the things that causes excessive

damage during the winter is cart traffic. It would be wonderful for the turf to have no carts out but that is not practical or popular. We are asking for your help if you are a cart rider that you please use caution when playing and please stay out of the native grass areas. I have been taking pictures of all the cart traffic and scars to document the recovery come spring. We had a pretty healthy golf course going into winter so hopefully it will wake up and grow without too many issues come spring time.

As of this writing, which is subject to change, we will be on temp. greens until at least mid-February with the hope of opening up the permanent greens around March 1st. Stay tuned. As I look back over my notes from this past year I am reminded of how fortunate I was to have such a great crew to work with. I look forward to when the crew comes back in the Spring and we get back to mowing and enjoying the warm sunshine. Until then it is just Nick, RJ, and I holding down the fort. Much of our time is spent grinding reels, sanding, painting, glossing tee balls, bench work, paperwork, Audubon projects, topdressing when we can, equipment servicing and a host of other projects. Starting in February, depending on the

weather, we will start our yearly bunker maintenance projects. This will include edging, blowing them out and adding new sand. It will easily take about 60 yards of sand to get them where I want them to be. It is expensive but well worth it in the long run. We are also planning on building a practice bunker at the back end of the driving range. This will be a wonderful addition to the teaching area and will give players the ability to practice longer bunker shots. This will all be done in house as we have a very experienced shaper on our staff already. The costs will be a few hours of labor and sand which is already in the budget. As the weather turns from winter to spring we will also be doing quite a bit of fairway, tee, and approach verticutting which will really help clean out the dead winter material and open them up for spring growth.

Thank for being members and players of Juniper Golf Course. We would not be here without you. You may not here thank you very much but we do appreciate you being here. Have a wonderful new year.

*Sincerely,
Kurt Noonan, CGCS*

FROM THE GOLF SHOP

Who 's hiding winter? A couple days of snow in November and lots of good golf days since. Weird winter so far. It's been cold at night but with daytime temperatures in the 40-50-60's has been golf playable winter.

We have a course condition hotline on our system now. If you call the golf shop and press option 4, it takes you to a recording as to current conditions and expectations for the day's play. It is usually updated by 9 AM at the latest. You also have the cam view on my website, PGA1.com, for a current snapshot of the ninth green with weather information right below the

picture. We hope to eliminate a trip to the course when we may not be open or maybe delayed.

The red/green flag system is in use for our handicap riders. At all times, power carts are restricted to the cart paths, but the handicap rider have the two flag system. Red means no carts off the asphalt. Green means that handicapper cart riders may use the 90 degree rule.

Now that January has arrived, range balls are no longer included with your membership dues. As members, you get a dollar discount so individual tokens cost you \$2. An unlimited plan is available to members at \$150 for a single unlimited

plan and \$250 for a family unlimited plan. We will get a new range ball machine this spring and a discount swipe card will be available for in between purchase options.

We are working on our tournament schedule and it should be out soon. No real major changes are anticipated. Check the schedule on page one.

We are scheduled to start posting scores on March 1st. Mother Nature will dictate when we go back onto the greens. February 18 is a tentative "soft opening date". Stay tuned!

Until next month
Bruce