



Fast Play

The Monthly Member Newsletter of Shadow Hills Country Club

A Well - Deserved OGA Honor Goes To One Of Our Very Own!

Patric Miller - Board Member, Membership Committee Chair

It is a rare thing when someone quietly, though persistently works in their own way to create change in their world. So often “those who serve,” are motivated by personal gain, or to fulfill some personal agenda. So it is very rare indeed, that a person who has worked tirelessly and selflessly for decades, should be singled out as “The Best” at something, for the simple reason that they work so hard not to call attention to their actions, or brush praise away with a “Happy to do it!” smile.

However, on October 22nd at the OGA annual meeting, recognition was due and given to our own Steve Mason, with his receipt of the “Member of the Year” award. How special is this award? The numbers speak for themselves, as the The OGA represents 170 clubs and 41,000 members.



I wrote about Steve in an article on ShadowHillsExtra.com more than three years ago. And since then, Steve has continued to be “the hub” for an amazing list of club-enhancing actions that have become part of the fabric of Shadow Hills.

He has served on the Membership Committee, is currently co-chair of the Handicap Committee, and is notoriously the “Ticket Guy” for almost any Pac-12 event, providing great deals on all sorts of sports and concert events “in his spare time.”

But, most of us know Steve as “The Commish” of the ever-popular and amazingly fun, Shadow Hills Senior Men’s group. This “Fed-Ex Tour” style of events, with accumulated points being awarded to a leaderboard, ultimately results in the awarding of the “Mason Cup” for the overall winner. However, adding to this, is a huge array of social events, golf weekends, annual trips, and a wide range of community-building fun, that are all made possible by Steve’s generosity of time, and creative spirit.

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November 2018



Upcoming Events

November

- 2 Pro Shop Harvest Sale
- 7 Women’s Club Annual Meeting
- 14 Gourmet Club
- 18 Men’s Closer/ Turkey Shoot
- 22 Thanksgiving Course & Clubhouse Closed
- 23 Civil War Party

December

- 1 Kid’s Gingerbread House Decorating
- 5 Women’s Club Holiday Lunch & Charity Fund-raiser
- 7 Holiday Pro-Shop Sale
- 12 Children’s Christmas Party
- 31 New Year’s Eve Dinner



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Manager's Report

By Dave Shelton
General Manager, PGA Golf Professional

The annual Shadow Hills membership meeting was held on Thursday October 11th. We had a light member turn out. But, if you did not attend, you can view the annual meeting power point presentation on Shadow Hills Extra. **Congratulations to our three new board members elected by the membership; Barry Bokn, Kenny Martin and Lori Reynolds.** New board members will begin their terms in January 2019.

Many of the projects that we set out to complete in 2018 were completed, and marked significant improvements in our facility. One of the primary goals of the board of directors and management team is to continue to improve the club through small and large projects as they are affordable.

Since the completion of the new clubhouse and grounds, there has been a renewed emphasis on the golf course. The new number 2 teeing area, trimming the trees and raising the overall tree canopy was completed in 2018. One of the points of emphasis in 2018 by our superintendent, Ryan, was to improve the fairways. He accomplished this by improving the irrigation coverage, over-seeding during aerification and fertilizing more during the season to promote growth. All improvements take time and money, but the club is committed to continual improvement.

We have our annual Harvest Sale planned for Friday, November 2nd. For those members who haven't come to the sale, this is not just a sale, but a social event. We only have two merchandise sales a year, the next one is in the month of December, with extended pro-shop hours on the weekends prior to Christmas.

We will begin the week long process of decorating the clubhouse for the holidays on November 18th. We have some very fun holiday events at the club for the entire family, so please be sure to read the weekly "news you need to know" emails, and the newsletter calendar.

Just a reminder that we as golfers are all responsible for repairing our ball marks on the greens, replacing divots in the fairways and rough, raking bunkers and driving power carts in the appropriate areas. Yes, we have a grounds crew that maintains the course, but using their time to repair ball marks, replace divots and so on is an extremely inefficient use of resources. Be proactive and help to maintain the course you love (and the game we all love to hate).

Thank you for supporting your club and making Shadow Hills Country Club a great place to be.

Take Pride In Our Course

Repair Your Ball Marks

The Green Report

By Ryan Wyckoff, Golf Course Superintendent

What a great Fall for Golf! October was very dry and spoiled us with a long golf season. With that said, it appears as though the rain has arrived.

The greens here at Shadow Hills are what are referred to as "push up" greens. This means they were not constructed to USGA specifications with drainage, pea gravel, etc. They were simply built by pushing up the native soil. Many of the older courses were built using this method. Over time, the sand topdressing has created a sand profile to improve turf conditions and playability. However, in areas with large amounts of rain such as the Willamette Valley, "push up" greens often drain poorly and remain very soft throughout the winter.

In a continued effort to improve drainage of the greens, a deep tine aerification was completed on October 22nd. The deep tine machine uses a 1/2" solid tine probing to a depth of 8" into the soil. This is twice the depth of a standard aerification hole and will afford the greens better water holding capacity and improved drainage. This marks the third consecutive year we have implemented the deep tine on the greens.

We recently completed two days of tree pruning throughout the course. The main goal was to remove dead limbs that we couldn't get to with the lift during our previous efforts, due to soft conditions. We remain busy with daily leaf cleanup, which often seems like a never-ending task this time of the year. In addition to our daily maintenance practices, we will be installing drainage throughout the course, raising sprinkler heads, sanding rough areas and preparing the equipment for next season, with much needed maintenance and repair.



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**Winter Rules?
Today's Cart Path Regulation?**

**Strict
Cart Path
ONLY
Today
(This Means You!)**

**Check with the Pro Shop
Before You Tee Off!**

News From The Pro Shop

By Gary Davis , PGA Golf Professional

October was a great month for golf! With that said, Winter Golf is just around the corner. We will start alternating from the first tee and tenth tee each week and will post daily what the cart rule is for that day. So, please check with the golf shop before teeing off. Also, it is a good idea to call the golf shop for those early morning tee times, as we may experience frost delays.

Don't forget to join us for the Fall Harvest Sale scheduled for this Friday, November 2nd! Enjoy the member benefit of reduced pricing, and for every \$125 that you spend on selected merchandise, you receive a free guest pass worth \$60.

Jeans are allowed on the course starting November 1st. Also, don't forget to keep posting your scores through November. **The final day for posting is November 30th.**

Even though Winter Golf is upon us and there are fewer groups at times, please continue to play "Ready Golf". It only takes one group playing slow to ruin it for everyone else.

Come visit us in the Golf Shop for continued savings, and to do all your Christmas shopping! See you at the club!

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Steve's form of involvement is both hands-on (working to arrange car pools, reporting scores, and working with the SHCC staff to make each event happen...his newsletters are legend!), but also in his ability to imbue happiness and connectedness to every event he creates.

Steve's membership began as part of a family membership with his father, more than 44 years ago. He converted to full membership in his late 20s in 1974-80, and after a brief absence, rejoined in 1988. The Senior Men's League was born in 2008, and just celebrated the 10th anniversary of fun and camaraderie.

Those who know Steve, know him to be an ever-smiling, encouraging, and ardent promoter of community and friendship at Shadow Hills Country Club. The Senior Men's group is based on a foundation of "meeting and golfing with other members here and at other clubs," in the Northwest. From all reports, Steve's objectives have been met and greatly surpassed.

There is simply no greater "Commissioner of Fun" than Steve Mason. When people ask what makes Shadow Hills CC such a wonderful, welcoming community, one need look no further than the amazing example of our membership, than Steve Mason. **Congrats & Thanks Steve!**



Welcome To Our New Members

Brock Bernsten - Individual
Melyssa & John Lombardi - Family
Monica Vaughn - Individual

Tired of the Crowds, Parking And High Ticket Prices?



Watch the Game with Us! Game Day at Shadow Hills!



Start Planning Your Christmas Memories... Children's Christmas Party December 12th Put It On Your Calendar!



Rake Up The Biggest Savings Of the Year!

Pro Shop Harvest Sale! Nov. 2nd 5p-8p Free Appetizers Beer & Wine

Loads of Great Deals! Every Item at Special Member Pricing or Deep One Day-Only Discounts! Do All of Your Holiday Shopping, and get a **FREE GUEST PASS** for every \$125 spent!

Women's Club Updates

by Carolyn Townsend
President-Elect/Publicity

A Successful Mulli-Mudder Tournament
The Mulli-Mudder tournament was a success once again this year. We had 23 participants with 14 players winning pro shop credits! Congratulations to Carla Glasgow, Linda Robertson, Phyllis Brown & Barb Blackmore our 1st place team! After the fog lifted and golf was played all players enjoyed a salad & pizza buffet with carrot cake cupcakes as our traditional dessert. Thank you to all participants and a huge thank you to our amazing Shadow Hills staff!
Amy Bennett, Special Events Chair

Women's Annual Meeting & Awards Lunch – Nov 7th
All Shadow Hills women are invited to the Women's Club Annual Meeting & Awards Lunch on Wednesday, November 7th. You will meet the 2018 Women's Board of Directors, elect the 2019 Officers, and recognize all of this year's award winners. Lunch will be roast pork or squash ravioli -- your choice -- and will cost \$30. The day will start at 11 AM with a social hour followed by the main event at noon. Sign up is available on the bulletin board in the women's locker room.

"Save the Date" – Dec 5th Holiday Lunch & Charity Fundraiser
All Shadow Hills women are invited to the Holiday Lunch & Charity Fundraiser on Wednesday, December 5th. "The Twelve Days of Christmas" will be this year's theme. The event will start at 11 AM with a social hour followed by the main event at noon. More information is coming soon. For now, be sure and save the date.

Valley League
Valley League has come to the end of another successful year for the women of Shadow Hills. Many thanks to all who brought home the trophy once again! Susie Leo, Valley League Chair

OWGA
Shadow Hills had a terrific OWGA season! 16 of our club's 22 players were winners who contributed \$922 in credits to their Shadow Hills pro shop accounts. Plus, our Club had 4 winners at the Tualatin CC Closing Tournament – Leilani Norman, Cindy Anderson, Mary Sullivan, and Kathy Lucier. And for the second year in a row, our players won the Out of Town Team Championship. What a year -- congratulations and thanks to everyone who played this season.
Carolyn Townsend, OWGA Sr. Rep



Handicapping & Rules

From the Handicap Committee
by Ron Willis - Men's Handicap Chair

New GHIN Platform – Rules:
The 2018 handicap season comes to a close November 30th. To that end, I thought it would be appropriate to begin highlighting a few of the (new) Rules of Golf. Many changes will be coming our way over the next two years, as the Handicap System will be going to a worldwide system in 2020. And the Rules of Golf will change in 2019, going from the 34 rules we have now, to 24 rules. The impetus behind the changes are; speed of play, simplify the rules, and an attempt to interject common sense. Over the next 4 - 5 months (newsletters), I will attempt to review and provide a brief explanation to many of the Rules of Golf 2019 changes. I strongly encourage everyone to review and know the Rules of Golf that will be effective January 2019 (see below).

Because I need to share some very important information regarding GHIN, I will begin the review of the Rules of Golf 2019 changes beginning with next month's newsletter. Free copies of the Rules of Golf 2019 will be available in the Pro-Shop after the first of the year. *Supplies will be limited.*

A new GHIN platform will be used in spring 2019, and with that, two members will not be able to share an email address. This is for privacy reasons. When the platform switches, members sharing an email address will have their email addresses completely removed. In addition, if you do not have a unique email address you will be unable to post scores from home or on your phone. You will only be able to post scores via the Club computer. Please see Whitney (Executive Assistant) if you need to add or change your email information.

R&A

USGA

20 Most Notable Rule Changes for 2019

1. SEARCH TIME - REDUCED FROM 5 MINUTES TO 3 MINUTES
2. BALL MOVED DURING SEARCH - REPLACE NO PENALTY
3. EMBEDDED BALL - FREE RELIEF ANYWHERE THROUGH THE COURSE
4. MEASURING A DROP - USE LONGEST CLUB (EXCEPT PUTTER)
5. DROPPING - DROP FROM KNEE HEIGHT RATHER THAN SHOULDER
6. TAKING STANCE ON WRONG GREEN IS NOT PERMITTED
7. BALL UNINTENTIONALLY HITS PLAYER OR EQUIPMENT - NO PENALTY
8. DOUBLE HIT - NO PENALTY. NOW ONLY COUNTS AS THE 1 STROKE
9. TOUCHING SAND IN BUNKER INCIDENTALLY IS PERMITTED
10. LOOSE IMPEDIMENTS CAN BE REMOVED ANYWHERE INCLUDING HAZARDS
11. DROPPING A BALL OUT OF BUNKER - 2 PENALTY STROKES
12. WATER HAZARDS - NOW CALLED "PENALTY AREAS"
13. TOUCHING GROUND IN PENALTY AREA - NO PENALTY
14. BALL MOVES ON GREEN AFTER BEING MARKED - REPLACE WITHOUT PENALTY
15. BALL ACCIDENTALLY MOVED ON PUTTING GREEN - REPLACE NO PENALTY
16. ALL DAMAGE TO GREEN CAN NOW BE REPAIRED
17. POSITIONING A CLUB FOR ALIGNMENT IS NOT PERMITTED
18. CADDIE ASSISTING WITH ALIGNMENT IS NOW NOT PERMITTED
19. PUTTING WITH FLAG STICK IN HOLE IS NOW PERMITTED
20. BALL WEDGED AGAINST FLAG STICK AND SIDE OF HOLE IS DEEMED AS HOLED

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