



# Fast Play

The Monthly Member Newsletter  
of Shadow Hills Country Club

## An Insider's View of Board & Committee Service at Shadow Hills CC

Patric Miller - Board Member, Membership Committee Chair

When I was "volun-told" to run for the board back in 2015, after serving two years on the club's Membership Committee, I was warned that I would likely not get elected. "It almost always takes two tries," Dave Shelton told me. He was right.

And now, after almost 6 years of service on the Membership Committee, and coming up on two years of service on the Board of Directors, I am realizing why the term "Service to the Club" is appropriate. The fact is, those who choose to serve, and do so for years at a time (each term being 3 years), begin to feel the weight of responsibility that comes with understanding the details, while helping to shape the club's future.

As this month's "Manager's Report" (page 2) lays out, the primary day-to-day duties fall to the staff. And, we are indeed blessed to have an amazing staff at Shadow Hills. But it is often the guidance of the committees, and board members who chair those committees, that are responsible for helping to guide future operations, as well as taking input from members to help shape overall policy. I have been pleased that we as a board rarely have to deal with complaints from our members. For the most part, the amazing work that our staff does to make our club "A family resort" is self-evident. However, by the very nature of a country club, filled with successful (and opinionated) people, we do hear the occasional "pointed suggestion." It is our job to figure out solutions when warranted, or to help them understand the "rest of the story" that may educate or enlighten a perception, while also addressing the reason it may or may not be acted upon.

So yes...as a board member, "our door is always open" to hearing from our playing partners, as well as other members when there are questions. And as we are often "on the inside" of club budgets and operations, we can bring those questions to the board, or answer them outright. We are indeed here to make sure that the "Family of Shadow Hills" acts in ways that benefit the greater good of the club, and not just a small (and perhaps vocal) minority. *It isn't always easy.*

Which brings me to the appreciation for those who willingly volunteer for committees as well as taking the next step toward service on the board. This year, we have a great

slate of candidates. Take the time to read their bios (which are posted on ShadowHillsExtra.com and will be mailed to the members) and find out who has served in other capacities, who brings new talents and energy to the board, and in your opinion, is best suited to serve the club for at least three years, to represent your views. **And then, VOTE!** *It is your chance to help shape the future of the club, and be heard!*



**2019 Candidates**  
Top L/R  
Barry Bokn  
Ross Bottem  
Phil Burns  
Brian Eaker  
Bottom L/R  
John Jensen  
Kenny Martin  
Lori Reynolds

October 2018



## Upcoming Events

### October

- 5 Crazy 8 Glow Ball **\*\*Cancelled**
- 10 Youth for Christ Charity
- 14 New Member Party
- 17 Oktoberfest
- 20 Women's Club Mulli-Mudder
- 31 Women's Club-Play with Staff

### November

- 2 Pro Shop Harvest Sale
- 7 Women's Club Annual Meeting
- 14 Gourmet Club
- 15 Men's Day Turkey Shoot
- 22 Thanksgiving Course & Clubhouse Closed
- 23 Civil War Party

### December

- 1 Children's Gingerbread House Decorating
- 7 Holiday Pro-Shop Sale
- 12 Children's Christmas Party

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# Manager's Report

By Dave Shelton

General Manager, PGA Golf Professional

The club's **Annual Meeting is on Thursday October 11th at 7:00 pm.** We will have dinner service prior to the meeting and space is limited, so please make your reservations early.

Voting members will have received their voter's pamphlet and ballot by the time you receive this newsletter. **Please return your ballot by the 11th of October or bring them to the annual meeting.** Ballots received after October 11th will not be counted. Voting for the clubs board members is something each membership household should take seriously; please vote for the candidates of our choice.

We have several activities at the club in October that provide a great opportunity to come out and enjoy the club. Please refer to the monthly calendar in the newsletter and the weekly mass "News You Need to Know" e-mail. There is always something to enjoy at the club, rain or shine.

It occurred to me after talking with some of our new members that it is important for our members to understand how the club is run. The daily operations of the club are run by the managers of each department with the overall operations overseen by the general manager. Department managers report to the general manager and the general manager reports to the Board of Directors. We have six committees that report to the Board of Directors each month at the monthly board meeting. The six committees are; Finance, Golf, Greens, House, Long Range planning and Membership. The duties of each of these committees are outlined in the clubs By-Laws.

As General Manager of the club, I'm an honorary non-voting member of all of the standing committees, and attend them each month. If you have questions concerning how the club operates, or decisions that are made on a daily basis, these should be directed to myself or the specific department managers. The department managers are; Diana Seligman Executive Chef, David Hixson Restaurant Manager, Gary Davis Head Golf Professional, Laura Blaze Controller, Stacey Sullivan Catering Sales and Ryan Wyckoff Greens Superintendent. Remember the Board of Directors and committee members are volunteers and are not asked to make decisions that affect the club on a daily basis, but are tasked with helping to shape policy.

I hope this helps! Please feel free to stop by my office any time if you have questions or concerns, or just want to share your wonderful experiences at the club!

## New Member Party



**Sun. Oct. 14th**  
**For all 2018**  
**New Members**  
**Call Whitney to**  
**Sign Up!**

## The President's Corner

By Jeff Curran

President of the Board of Directors

Greetings, as we embark on the 4th quarter of 2018! Hopefully with some fun-filled memories from the past couple of months, while enjoying our fine club!

The Board would like to thank all of the Members who volunteered their time and energy, to make both the Men's and Women's Invitational Tournaments great experiences to all of those who participated. It's also important to note, that both Tournament Committees shared their appreciation for the Club's exceptional staff.

The Board's on-going discussion of how best to draw more prospective members to Shadow Hills Country Club, brings a number of challenges to the surface. As many of you know, the national trend for Country Club memberships has been on a downward trend over the past several years. It's important for you as members to know that "monthly dues paying members" represents the majority of our Club's operating income, and our Board continues to look creative ways to reach prospective members. While we continue to add new members at a record pace, the challenges from other entertainment options, a reduction in interest in golf, and the rising cost of living for young families creates a smaller pool of prospects. Add to this the simple fact that our existing Membership is aging, and one can see the task of maintaining a full membership can be challenging at best.

What has become clear in these discussions is the high "closing ratio" Dave Shelton and his Management staff have, once we get a prospective member to invest the time for a tour of our facilities. For those also curious about our Social Media activity, Patric Miller, a current Board member, continues to consult us on how best to position and brand Shadow Hills Country Club within the various social media platforms and balance the expenditures for traditional media. Our job as the Board, as well as all of our Shadow Hills members, is to help maximize our opportunities to get these perspective Members through our front doors.

I encourage everyone to take a quick stroll over to the Front Side Bathrooms near #6 green and appreciate the work that Rich Bernhardt, Jenny Shelton, Dave Shelton and Jim Creech provided (much in their "spare time") with the installation of new fixtures and a make-over. Great work guys, and thanks for the cost-savings generated by your grass roots efforts.

I would like to challenge all Members this month to take the time to simply step back and truly appreciate what you have helped to build here at Shadow Hills CC. Far beyond the many buildings and great culture, to many members, this has become home!

*See you at the Club!*

**For Fair, Fun, Play for Everyone...**  
**Post Your Scores Regularly**  
**and Accurately!**



# News From The Pro Shop

By Gary Davis , PGA Golf Professional

With all of the events held at the club this season, our summer went by fast. We really appreciate all of the members allowing us to host events here at SHCC, as the outside tournaments generate a great deal of revenue, and are very valuable to the overall operational budget.

There are still a couple of member events scheduled for the month of October, the **Crazy 8 Glow Ball Friday, October 5th** at has been cancelled due to weather. And our **Annual Pro Shop Harvest Sale on Friday, November 2nd** from 5pm to 8pm. It's a great way to do your holiday shopping! And you will receive a Guest Pass (a \$60 value) for every \$125 spent. There will be a great assortment of clothes and merchandise at the lowest prices of the year. So put it on your calendar!

The **Women's Mulli-Mudder** which was originally scheduled for Saturday, October 13th has been moved to Saturday, October 20th. If you are interested in this event please sign up on ForeTees or give us a call here in the Golf Shop for further information.

Fall is also the time to bring back all of those white towels and sand bottles that we supply our members each day. Over the course of the year we lose many of them, and the cost to continue to supply them increases each season.

Members should note that our staffing levels are declining due to the change in seasonal requirements. During the winter months our outside golf operations usually operate with only one employee, and they may be on the practice facility picking up balls, or cleaning carts at the back barn. Please be patient and understanding with them during the fall and winter months.

Finally, play "ready golf!" This means keeping up with the group in front of you. And remember, **NO DENIM** until November 1st! Fall Pro Shop hours will be 7am to 5pm, Tuesday through Sunday and 9am to 5pm on Mondays.

Have a great October!



**REMINDER**  
From Apr. 1st - Oct. 31st  
No Denim is allowed  
on the golf course  
or practice facility.  
Lounge- YES!  
Dining Room - NEVER



**We Need Your Help!**  
This time of year, lots of the complimentary golf towels we loan members from the golf course or locker rooms go missing. We ask every member to search around and bring back any towels you may have "collected" over time. **Thanks for your cooperation!**

# Welcome To Our New Members

**Robin Clement** - Individual  
**Jason Dillard** - Individual  
**Ben Mondragon & Shelley Kurtz-Mondragon** - Family

**\*\*REMINDER!** All Members Who Joined in 2018 are Welcome to Attend the *New Member Party, Sunday Oct. 14th.* Sign Up with Whitney!



## OKTOBERFEST BUFFET

**WED. OCT 17TH**  
**WINE TASTING AT 5P**  
**BUFFET BEGINS AT 5:30P**

**AUTHENTIC GERMAN FOOD, DRINK & DESSERTS**

### Authentic German Buffet Featuring:

House made Sauerbraten brisket ~ Spätzle Noodles,  
Assorted Sausages and Sauerkraut ~ Sweet and Sour Red Cabbage  
German Warm Potato Salad, German Salads & Breads  
Local Apple Strudel with Crème Anglaise  
And of course, Oktoberfest Beers - Just \$25 + gratuity

**Make Your Reservations Today!**

**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

**Mulli-Mudder Now on Saturday, October 20th**  
The Mulli-Mudder will be an 18-hole shotgun on Saturday, October 20th at 9 AM. This is a date change from October 13th shown in the Women's Club Calendar. Please sign up on Fore-Tees under events. This modified scramble is limited to 36 players so sign up soon! The cost will be about \$31, \$10 buy-in and approximately \$21 for lunch. Remember to wear purple in honor of the event's founder, Harriet Smith.  
*Amy Bennett, Special Events Co-Chair*

**Play with the Staff on Wednesday, October 31st**  
Play with the Staff will be a 9-hole shamle shotgun on Wednesday, October 31st at 9:30 AM. Lunch and awards will follow. Sign up on Fore-Tees or call the Pro Shop. More information will be available by mid October. If any questions before then, call Linda at 541-687-8070.  
*Linda Robertson, Special Events Co-Chair*

**Nominations for 2018 Kathryn Schneider Service Award**  
The Kathryn Schneider Service Award recognizes a woman member who has diligently worked behind the scenes to improve our club. If you have a nominee in mind, please submit her name and the reason you believe she should be considered. We also need your name so we can follow up with any questions we might have.

Place your nomination in the envelope on the bulletin board in the women's locker room, or email it to carolynrtownsend@comcast.net. Nominations will close October 31, 2018 and the recipient will be announced at the Annual Awards Luncheon on November 7th.  
*Carolyn Townsend, President-Elect*

**"Save the Dates" -- November 7th and December 5th**  
All Shadow Hills women are invited to attend two of our biggest events of the year. The Women's Club Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon will be held Wednesday, November 7th and the Holiday Luncheon & Charity Fundraiser will be Wednesday, December 5th. Both events 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 dates.

**OWGA**  
Shadow Hills had a fantastic season! 16 of our Club's 22 players were gross or net winners in their flights. Congratulations to our newest winners, Linda Robertson and Mary Souza at Spring Hill on September 18th, and thanks to everyone who participated this summer. The closing tournament on October 22-23 is the final event.  
*Carolyn Townsend, OWGA Sr. Rep*

**Vote...and then Attend  
The Annual Meeting  
Oct 11th - 7pm  
Your Chance to Participate!**




# Handicapping & Rules

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

**Tournament Scores**  
Scores posted from two recent men's events (Club Championship & Senior Men's final) were designated Tournament (T) Scores when entered into GHIN. So I thought it might be timely if I reviewed what a T-Score is, and the affect it may have on your handicap.

A "tournament score" (T-Score) is a score made in a competition organized and conducted by the Committee in charge of the competition. Not all club competitions qualify to be posted as Tournament Scores. For example, club events such as daily, weekly, or monthly play days should not be included as Tournament Scores.

An eligible tournament score is any tournament score made either within the last 12 months or within the player's current 20-score history. A tournament score can affect a golfer's Handicap Index up to one year after it is recorded, even if it no longer appears in the current 20-score history.

Section 10-3 of the USGA Handicap System aka 'Reduction of Handicap Index Based on Exceptional Tournament Scores,' outlines when a reduction (R) will take place. It may be applied when a golfer has a minimum of two tournament-score differential's that are at least three strokes better than the golfer's Handicap Index.

It is the intent of the Committee to have approximately 3 -5 events each posting season designated as Tournament Scores. Too many events identified as T-Scores inhibit Section 10-3 from effectively identifying and reducing the Handicap Index of players who excel in competition. It will in essence "water down" the process.

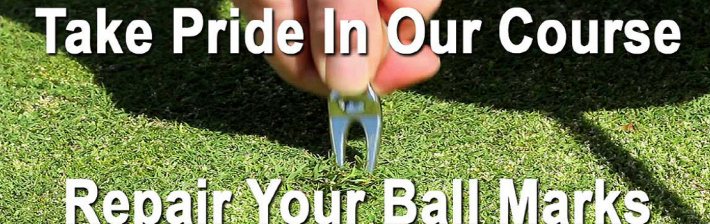
Please feel free to contact the Handicap Committee with any comments or concerns at handicapchair@shadowhillsc.org.

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And High Ticket Prices?**



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Game Day at Shadow Hills!**

**Take Pride In Our Course**



**Repair Your Ball Marks**

Office: (541) 998-2365		October 2018				Pro Shop: (541) 998-8441	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	1	2	3	4	5 <b>Crazy 8 Glow Ball/Halloween CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER</b>	6	
7	8	9 Duplicate Bridge - 10am 9-hole Lunch - 11:30am	10 Women's Day Pinochle - 10am <b>Youth for Christ Charity Tournament</b>	11 Men's Day	12 Mah Jongg - 10am	13	
14 <b>New Member Party 4pm to 6pm</b>	15	16 Party Bridge - 10am 9-hole Lunch - 11:30am	17 Women's Day Pinochle - 10am <b>Oktoberfest</b>	18 Men's Day	19 Partner Bridge - 5:30pm Mah Jongg - 10am	20 <b>Women's Club Mulli-Mudder</b>	
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\* Bar closing time subject to bartender's discretion

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