



Fast Play

The Monthly Member Newsletter
of Shadow Hills Country Club

Creating a Sense of "Normal" While Being Safe and Healthy

By Patric Miller - Digital Communications Editor

Without question, this may be one of the most challenging times to ever hit Shadow Hills CC, and the rest of the country. And yet, we are pleased to report, that while we have had to deal with a number of adjustments, the community that is Shadow Hills, has responded in ways that should make every member proud.

As we have shuffled through each new restriction and development, our membership has responded with a sense of calm, understanding, and empathy for the staff and employees that remain on the job, doing their best to continue to offer as many aspects of "normal," as we have been allowed.



Most important, the Governor recognized the importance of allowing golf courses to remain open, even in light of shutting down other recreation, including State Parks, gyms, and other recreational facilities. The list of closures was long. But, the ability to exercise and maintain "Safe Social Distancing," is one of the things that makes golf unique. Let's face it...between looking for your ball in the rough, and the separation of up to 200 yards between foursomes, very few sports offer this sort of recreational fun, relaxation, camaraderie and club traditional.

Yes, there have been a few adjustments. As we have been forced to shut down our bar, "Birdie Bottles" have taken on an entirely new meaning. Personal drink containers for water are the new normal (with a good selection available in the pro shop). And food has been limited to a *Take Out Only* status, with a good "To Go" menu being served "Wed-Sun, 11a-4p." See www.ShadowHillsExtra.com for the takeout menu posted online.

While almost all of our outside tournaments have been cancelled or postponed for the foreseeable future, we are still hoping to be fully functional again by the time our three SHCC Invitational Tournaments come around. It might be tight for Me & My Shadow, but the staff and board will do everything within their power to keep them on the docket.

Look for articles on Page 4, regarding the current policies and procedures, as well as some tips for **Safe Golf, and Adjustments to the Game** during the current Covid-19 shutdowns. We can remain a healthy respite from the madness of the rest of the world, if you Play Safe, Keep Your Distance, and Stay Calm!

April 2020



Upcoming Events

April (dates may change)

- 2 Men's 2-Man Best Ball
- 8 Kitchen Skills Class - CANCELLED
- 10 Senior Men's Group Opener
- 10 Trivia Night and Karaoke-- CANCELLED
- 12 Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt-- CANCELLED
- 15 Women's Spring Kickoff
- 18 Italian Tavola Dinner-- CANCELLED
- 19 Men's Spring Opener 2-Man Scramble
- 23 Burger and Brew Night -- CANCELLED
- 26 Couples Jack & Jill

MAY (tentative upon further notice)

- 5 Men's League Opener/BBQ
- 8 Cobra/Puma Demo Day
- 11 Women's Twilight League Opener
- 22 Crazy 8 Scramble
- 25 Memorial Day
- 28-29 Senior Men's Member-Guest

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Manager's Report

By Dave Shelton
General Manager, PGA Golf Professional

First and foremost, the board of directors and management is doing everything we can to provide a safe and healthy environment for our members and employees. The impact of the Coronavirus has had a significant effect on our daily lives and Shadow Hills. However, many things at Shadow Hills have remained the same, and I think it is extremely important to focus on the positive.

The golf course is in amazing condition and we are still playing golf, with food to go (Wed-Sun). Golf is, and always will be, one of the healthiest activities you can do! And, You can play late into your life, *just ask Ted Brandt*. We will do everything in our power to keep our members golfing during this crisis. Below are some important facts to know.

1. We had a very small dues increase scheduled and that has been postponed.
2. Food minimums have been cancelled at this time.
3. Cleanliness is one of the club's top priorities and with the help of Brian Eaker we are using the chemicals necessary to clean surfaces that will kill the virus.
4. As restriction change, we will quickly change to best serve our membership.
5. We will continue to maintain the golf course at a high standard even if we are forced to close.

Please help to maintain the golf course. I played late on Saturday evening and was disappointed to see the number ball marks on the greens. If you do not know how to repair ball marks, please ask! And, if you would like to have a ball mark repair tool, **we have free ones in the pro-shop.**

April is the month that the annual cart plans are billed to those members who participate in the program. We realize that this is a significant one-time charge to your account, and now offer you the option of paying this annual fee over three months, April – June. We will be billing your account in thirds unless you specify differently. Please let us know, and we can adjust the billing.

In closing, the club will continue to keep you posted as information comes our way. **Be sure to watch for emails, and updates on ShadowHillsExtra.com**

Women's Club Updates

by Penny Sykes
President-Elect/Publicity

Women's Club Golf Kicks Off In April!

April 7 is the opening day for the nine hole group

April 8 is the first day for the 18 hole group playing the game "odd holes"

April 15 is the official spring opener for all golfers which will include a clinic on the new handicap system and a Nine hole scramble. No food involved

Golfers need to sign up for these events as usual through ForeTees, or contact the Pro Shop!

The Green Report

By Ryan Wyckoff, Golf Course Superintendent

Spring is a busy time on the golf course for the maintenance team. We are currently in the middle of our aerification and sanding. We have completed all fairways and tees. The greens will be aerified and sanded on Tuesday, March 31 and Wednesday, April 1.

To ensure the safety of golfers, modifications have been made on the golf course. We have removed all water coolers, bunker rakes and ball washers. The cups in the greens have been turned upside down to prevent the ball from going to the bottom of the cup. This allows a player to retrieve their ball without having to remove the flagstick and place their hand down into the cup. Please leave flagsticks in the cup.

We are currently maintaining the course with our full-time staff and have delayed the hiring of many seasonal employees. Certain tasks will be completed less frequently, due to limited staff. Stay safe and hope to see everyone back at the Club soon!

The President's Corner

By Steve Gaughan
President of the Board of Directors

Well, the only positive I have seen with this Covid-19 debacle is that it has removed the Kardashians from the news cycle. Aside from that things have been pretty drastic and that is particularly true for Shadow Hills. By now you know that our food and beverage offerings are pretty much non-existent.

One of our main sources of revenue is our banquet and event business and that at least for the short term has vanished with many events being cancelled or postponed indefinitely. Both State and National governmental bodies seem to be changing the playing field for us on a daily basis.

We are extremely fortunate to have an incredible staff who have done a fantastic job in adapting to all these rapidly changing requirements and they have plans in place in the event of a complete lockdown of our facility. The golf industry has been lobbying state governments about the benefits of golf (see Patric's article on page one) and hopefully they will allow the golf course to remain open even if the clubhouse has to be closed.

We shall see. In the meantime, I hope to see you at the club. Stay healthy!

Employee Contribution Fund

Due to the need for layoffs brought on by Covid-19 shutdowns, we have set up a fund for the purpose of financial support for employees affected. Watch the News You Need for a link to the form or, **Email Laura with your member number and the amount you would like to donate** at this address: laura@shadowhillsc.org

Your Help Is Very Much Appreciated!

News From The Pro Shop

By Gary Davis , PGA Golf Professional

In light of the effects that the coronavirus has had on all of us, we are taking the appropriate action to provide you with the safest environment possible at Shadow Hills. The safety of the members and employees, is the most important thing at this time. Our staff is frequently sanitizing handles on push carts, steering wheels, cup holders and seats on all golf carts after each use. Golf is a great sport that can be enjoyed while still maintaining social distancing, not to mention a great distraction from this crazy world we live in right now.

Springtime is also the perfect time of year to start getting in shape and working on your golf game. We are dedicated to finding new ways to get you enjoying more golf this year. See Nick and Birk's "Virtual Fitness" offerings in their article on this page. And private lessons golf lessons, are still being taught, *while maintaining social distancing!* Let us know how we can best help you!

The Men's Day Chili Feed/2- Man BB originally scheduled for March 26th has been moved to Thursday, April 2nd. Entry fee will be \$50 per team with half the proceeds going to the employees who have been laid off due to the Covid-19. The Men's Spring Opener Breakfast/ 2-Man Scramble was scheduled for April 5th but has been tentatively moved to Sunday, April 19th. We will keep you posted on this event through ForeTees. **PLEASE NOTE...food for these events are in question, with our current kitchen limitations to "take out."** Watch Fore-Tees and the News You Need Emails for more details as the situation evolves.

The Couples Jack & Jill is scheduled for Sunday, April 26th and will be a 12:30pm shotgun. This is a fun couples event that combines 6 holes of Scramble format, 6 holes of Chapman format and 6 holes of a Scotch Ball format. Cost for this event this year will be \$25 per couple since we will not be having dinner after play. If you have any questions about the format or would like to sign up, you can find it on ForeTees or give us a call here in the golf shop.

The **Shadow Hills Senior Men's Golf Association** starts up on April 10th. This group is open to any male member who turns 50 this year. Players can sign up for the season for \$100, or pay \$10 per event. Annual members have first priority for the away events. and participate in a season-long point game similar to the FedEx and Ryder Cup points on the PGA Tour. For a complete schedule of event and rules, please contact the golf shop, or Steve Mason at 541-521-6782.

As we kick off the 2020 Golf Season, the Golf Committee has expressed some concerns over the number of divots and ball marks not being repaired, as well as cart riders not following the rules on CART PATH ONLY days. Also, we have seen some damage to the Clic Gear push cart fleet. If something happens to a cart in your group, let us know so that we can get the cart repaired.

Let's all do our part in taking pride of ownership. Just remember- keep up, fix up, and clean-up make for a great club. **See you at the club!**

Welcome To Our New Members

Joel Moorhead - Individual Golf

Robert "Bert" Rudman - Individual Golf

Troy and Shannon Kirk- Family Golf

Margaret Jackson - Social

GOLF FITNESS X FROM HOME

With gyms closed and access to equipment limited, it's hard to get a golf workout these days. Luckily, here is a suggestion you can do from home that can have a positive impact on both your health and your golf game.

Nick and Birk will be providing Golf Fitness X workouts on Mon-Wed-Fri at 5:00-5:30pm that you can access from the comfort of your home by using Zoom Meeting.

Make some room, bring a club or an Orange Whip and **join them through the Zoom meeting link.** Workouts last about 30 minutes, cost \$10 and are focused on improving your physical fitness and golf skills.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/897259464>

If you would like some more detail contact Birk Nelson imbirk@me.com or Nick Mainenti shadowtrainer3@gmail.com. We can answer any questions, set you up with any Calendar reminders, and provide payment options.

HOW TO To join the videoconference:

1. At the start time of your meeting, click on the link in your invitation to join via computer. You may be instructed to download the Zoom application.
2. You have an opportunity to test your audio at this point by clicking on "Test Computer Audio." Once you are satisfied that your audio works, click on "Join audio by compute

Dial In...Stay In Shape, While "Staying Home" and Practicing Social Distancing!



Current Club Procedures Due to Covid-19 Restrictions

In the evolving list of orders coming down from Federal and State government, we are pleased to announce that while not exactly "business as usual," we are very much allowing the continuation of golf and restricted food service at Shadow Hills CC.

In last week's Executive Order, Gov. Kate Brown clarified additional business restrictions, as well as additional "Stay Home" policies for the general public.

In an effort to clarify these policies, the Executive Director of the Oregon Golf Association, reached out to the Governor's office. They received the following:

"Golf is allowed as long as the social distancing measures are in place, country club activities for a gathering would not be allowed. We categorized golf similar to a hike or outdoor activity, rather than through "essential travel" which is meant to stop vacations."

*Leah Horner
Regional Solutions Director
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In order to adhere to these policies, and insure continued golfing activities at Shadow Hills, the following polices and procedures are in place.

- The Golf Will Remain Open to Golfing to MEMBERS ONLY (No Reciprocal Players, Guests currently allowed, but may change)
- The Clubhouse is closed except for the locker room and pro-shop and they are only accessible through the back doors on the golf course side of the building. SOCIAL DISTANCING of 6 feet is to be enforced by staff.
- Exercise facility is closed, all indoor training cancelled
- The administrative office is closed – Payments may be given to the Pro Shop or Mailed
- Rakes on the golf course have been pulled
- Leave the flagsticks are to remain in.
- Cups are positioned so you do not have to reach into the hole to retrieve your ball
- Power carts will be used by one rider only except for those golfers that live in the same household
- Members to provide their own hydro flask or similar container and use the water station out by the bag room
- Food service through the take out window only, service Wednesday – Sunday- 11a-4p.

Our staffing has been greatly reduced so we ask that you remain patient and understanding of the staff that is still working on your behalf.

PLEASE ADHERE TO THESE RESTRICTIONS, so that we may all protect our club, community and investments.



The primary directive and advice from Ron Willis, our Men's Handicap Chair, was "Play on...Record Your Scores!"

The USGA had a long list of suggested modifications, but for the most part, as always, how you play the game, how you record your score, and how well you sleep at night after either of those actions, remains mostly up to the player, unless in tournament play (or playing for quarters with the senior men).

Three areas of modification on our current list of procedures need to be addressed.

FLAGSTICK

We have decided that NOT REMOVING flagsticks is the policy we want to institute, to minimize the possible spread of Coronavirus. **This has been approved, and allowed by the USGA.**

BUNKERS AND BUNKER RAKES

It was decided to remove all bunker rakes from the course, again to reduce the spread of Coronavirus by contact.

It is advisable to strongly encourage that players try their best to smooth the disturbed area with a foot or a club.

An additional option includes changing the status of bunkers to be part of the general area. This would give players additional options under multiple relief rules (Rules 16 and 19) and would remove the restrictions normally in effect under Rule 12. **We have not done this...but, if bunkers do become truly "hazardous," common sense, and bit of leeway between golfing partners should be implimented.**

SCORECARDS AND SCORING

Can we suspend the exchanging and signing of scorecards? Yes. And in fact it is allowed in the rules.

The Rules already allow numerous options to address these concerns noting that certifying a score does not require a physical signature, nor does it require a physical scorecard. **HOWEVER... POSTING YOUR SCORE IS REQUIRED!**

MODIFICATIONS TO THE HOLE; NOT REQUIRING THAT PLAYERS HOLE OUT

Modifying the hole, so that players no longer need to reach into the hole to remove a ball to minimize the possibility of exposing golfers to Coronavirus, is also covered.

Under these guidelines the ball is not holed per the Rules of Golf (Rule 3.3c), a round played under these conditions will result in **an acceptable score for handicap purposes using the most likely score guidelines (see Rule 3.3 of the Rules of Handicapping)**. Most likely score is at the player's best judgment and should not be used to gain an unfair advantage. **This measure is temporary and in effect within the United States until advised otherwise by the USGA.**

Play Safe! Have Fun! Record Your Scores!