



# Fast Play

## The Monthly Member Newsletter of Shadow Hills Country Club

### Year Round Golf A Matter Of Preparation and Clothing!

By Patric Miller - Digital Communications Editor

We are blessed with a few things here at Shadow Hills when it comes to playing golf year round! Most important is the amazing job our grounds crew does to maintain great drainage, and amazing course conditions for almost any weather!

It is important to check in with the Golf Shop or check your ForeTees emails to learn about daily weather restrictions like Frost Delays, or Cart Path restrictions. Check out articles in this month's newsletter from Ryan about Frost Delays, and Gary, about Cart Path Restrictions. Then check the tee sheet and make a day of it!

Because Oregon traditionally has mild winters, the only thing preventing you from playing in any condition is making sure you are outfitted with proper rain gear, shoes, and the right attitude!

Our Golf Shop Staff has gone above and beyond this year in ordering a full lineup of rain gear, boots and accessories that will make it easy and enjoyable to continue playing golf, in almost any weather condition!

Winter golf can actually be a pleasure, as tee sheets aren't generally as full, and you can play 18 holes in times that are unusual for the regular season. It's a great way to stay healthy, with outdoor recreation, during a time in our history when other recreational activities are cancelled or restricted!

Check out some of the products available at Member Discount Prices, and then make Winter Golf part of your routine during the coming months!



### DECEMBER 2020



### Upcoming Events

All Dates Tentative...Watch "News You Need" Emails and ForeTees for Updated Information

### DECEMBER

5-6 Pro Shop Holiday Sale!  
25 Facility and Course Closed Christmas

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The monthly newsletter is an important part of communicating with our membership about what is going on at the club. It usually includes all the fun things we have planned for the Holiday season from ginger bread house decorating, kids Christmas party, Holiday parties, the clubhouse decorating etc.

However, for all of us, 2020 has been taken over by COVID and the frustrations that it creates seem even more magnified by the Holiday season. The State of Oregon has made operational planning a moving target, with new changes and mandates almost weekly. This has taxed or threatened countless businesses, and at this point we are fortunate to remain partially open.

I feel very bad about everything that our members are missing this time of year, as well as the strain all of this puts on employees who are missing work hours. My promise to you is that Shadow Hills will continue to provide as much service as is allowed, while providing a safe and healthy environment for our members and staff.

Please Consider Donating to the Employee Holiday Bonus Fund, which will help give some relief to our staff during this difficult time. **The form can be found on: [www.ShadowHillsExtra.com](http://www.ShadowHillsExtra.com) and the weekly News You Need emails.**

I would also like to remind all our members that use the River Road entrance and exit to please be very careful. River Road has a high volume of traffic and higher speeds without a turn lane. With darkness coming at such an early hour during the winter months it's much more difficult to see clearly. Please use caution.

I wish all of you a happy Holiday Season and hope that you have time to spend with your family and love ones. This is a special time of year to give thanks and be grateful. I know that my family has a lot to be grateful for, and I look forward to having us all together once again in the future.

## Why are there frost delays?

It's that time of year where it seems like if it's not raining, then we have a frost delay. So what is the reason for a frost delay?

### 1. Crunchy grass is vulnerable to damage.

Golf course turf is normally resilient to traffic, but when ice crystals form inside the plants, they become brittle and vulnerable to damage. Walking or driving over frost-covered grass may rupture plant cells, leading to dead turf. Or the plants may be weakened without immediately showing the effects. It can take grass more than a month to recover from this damage.

### 2. When it comes to frost delays, location is everything.

Many of us have looked out our windows at home and seen no signs of frost, only to find a frost delay when we reach the golf course. This is because frost can linger in colder microclimates long after other areas have thawed. North-facing slopes, low-lying areas and areas sheltered from the wind are especially likely to remain covered with frost. If you are worried about a potential frost delay it is best to call the golf shop to check on conditions at the course before leaving home.

### 3. Closely mown turf is at high risk.

Frost damage can occur on any part of the golf course, but it poses the greatest risk to closely mown turf. Putting greens are particularly vulnerable because they experience the most concentrated traffic. A foursome typically takes 300 steps or more on each putting green; if there is frost present, all those steps could cause serious damage.

### 4. A little frost can cause big delays.

No signs of frost on the first tee? That doesn't mean you will get the "all clear" sign. If frost remains in areas that are unavoidable early in the round, the course must remain closed. It is also important to remember that once the frost is totally clear, the maintenance staff will need time to catch up on course preparations before play can begin.

*The photos below represent turf that was driven on while frozen. The first photo is the day after the event and the second photo is a week later, showing the damage that can occur.*




**\*REMINDER Covid Dining Policy**  
Reservations are **REQUIRED** for ALL Dining In the Lounge, Patio or Dining Room  
**CALL AHEAD for Reservations**  
**541-234-2446**



**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

Winter Golf is in full swing, so each week we will be alternating from the first tee and the tenth tee. Signs will be posted to remind you each week, so please make sure to check with the golf shop before teeing off. It is also a good idea to call the golf shop or watch for updates from ForeTees on early morning tee times, as we may experience frost delays. Also with the rainy season upon us, check with golf shop on cart rules for the day.

- **Strict Cart Path Only** – NO CARTS are allowed off of the cart paths. This Includes Special Exemption Golfers (those with medical exemptions from the Pro Shop)
- **Cart Path Only** – Only Golfers with Special Exemptions are allowed off of the cart path. 90 degree approach and return, using common sense around soft or distressed course and rough areas is required.
- **Modified 90 Degree Rule** – Enter fairway and stay on fairway until 30 yds from green then straight back to cart path. Please keep carts on path on all par 3s at all times as well as around tees and greens.
- **At all times keep carts no closer than 30 yards to the greens. No Exceptions.**
- **No Carts are allowed off of cart path on PAR 3 Holes. No Exceptions.**

See the ad for the Holiday Sale, December 5th and 6th! It is our biggest sales event of the year! Throughout the month of December look for great savings on a wide variety of equipment, clothing, golf accessories, head covers, belts, rain gear, "Rain Swetters", waterproof hats, gloves and more. This is a great opportunity to use your credit book, gift cards, or those unused Shadow Bucks you might have laying around. Don't forget we also have free gift wrapping the month of December! Golf lessons are always another way to say "Merry Christmas". Make sure to ask Gary about his "Christmas Special" on a series of 3 golf lessons.

Don't forget to check your guest passes for their expiration date. Most expire at the end of the year.

Last but not least, Thank you for making Shadow Hills a great place to come to work every day. Have a WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON!

### Gary's Golf Tip of the Month:

If any of you take lessons from me you have probably heard me talk about this at one time or another. Swaying backwards on the backswing.....try turning your rear foot slightly inward (feeling pressure on the inside of that right foot for a right handed golfer and left foot for a left handed golfer). This "toe-in" move will help you pivot(coil) correctly by preventing a sway and will produce a more consistent and dependable swing!



# Welcome To Our New Members

James Edwards - Individual Golf  
 Roma Sprung - Individual Golf  
 Frank & Lois Schultz- Family Golf



## Pace of Play is Important!

An SHCC Round Should Be **4 Hours or Less!**  
 Please keep up with the group in front of you and ahead of the group behind!  
 This is for ALL 4s and 5s!

## We Need Your Picture In Our Member Directory!

We are missing many of your pictures for our Member Directory and Point of Sale System. It's EASY...and we REALLY Need Your Help!



## The News You Need- Every Thursday on Extra!

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# Women's Club Updates

by Sue Zollner  
President-Elect/Publicity

The Women's Club of Shadow Hills is proud to share with you that Penny Sykes is the recipient of the **Katherine Schneider award**. Penny has touch so many lives this year as she took over the presidency of the Women's Club and was chairman of the 18 hole group. She has been our ambassador, welcoming new members to the club as well as keeping all of us informed of what is happening at Shadow Hills.

Like many other Shadow Hills events during this year of Covid, the **Women's Club Holiday Luncheon has been cancelled**. This annual Christmas celebration and fundraiser has been popular for many years and the women of Shadow Hills have always been very generous in their contributions.

In lieu of this event for 2020, the Women's Club Board of Directors voted to donate \$2000 to a non-profit organization. With this in mind, the holiday luncheon committee has chosen **The Hope Project** as this year's beneficiary.

The Hope Project is a Lane County non-profit dedicated to quick response needs. They are 100% volunteer run, which means every dollar stays local. Everything from providing backpacks and school supplies to children in need, to furniture, clothing and necessities for displaced families, to food, gifts and other needs during the holidays. The Hope Project has also been instrumental in the McKenzie River fire relief efforts.

It is an honor to support this incredible organization. One the is providing relief to families in need and strengthening our community. If you would like to donate to The Hope Project, please visit [www.hopeprojecthelps.com/give](http://www.hopeprojecthelps.com/give)

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## Giving Tree

*How it works:*

Provide a \$20 gift card for a Relief Nursery child to one of the following stores:  
Target, Walmart, Amazon, or Fred Meyer  
Mail Gift Cards to:  
1720 W. 25th Ave., Eugene OR 97401  
Or drop it off with Caitie at the front office

Donate in any amount to Relief Nursery's Virtual Giving Tree by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>  
Visit: [www.reliefnursery.org/holidays](http://www.reliefnursery.org/holidays) to learn more

## HOLIDAY WINE SPECIALS

During the Coming Weeks, We Are Offering Special Discount Pricing On Select Wines from Our Stock!

Watch News You Need Emails and [ShadowHillsExtra.com](http://ShadowHillsExtra.com) for Upcoming Offers

Limited Quantities Available - Call Stacey to Order!

Shadow Hills Pro Shop  
**BIG HOLIDAY SALE**  
OUR BIGGEST EVENT OF THE YEAR!  
up to **70% OFF** Reg. Retail Prices  
**TWO DAY EVENT**  
**Sat. Dec. 5th & 6th**  
**10a - 4p Both Days**

**WE HAVE BROUGHT IN LOADS OF SPECIAL ITEMS FOR THIS SALE!**  
**Apparel, Accessories, Shoes, Winter Wear & Great Gift Ideas**  
**All At Special Member Pricing and End-Of-Season Discounts!**



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**Great Deals From:**  
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**FREE GUEST PASS**  
For every \$125 spent (limit 5 passes)

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*Happy Holidays to You & Yours!*