

Keeping Shadow Hills Safe and Open In "Pandemic Times" By Patric Miller - Digital Communications Editor

Nobody is happy to see that the Covid pandemic has not only decided to hang around, but to mutate into a more virulent and potentially dangerous threat. One of the upsides for our club, is that golf remains a sanctioned outdoor activity, without restrictions.

However, due to the recent new State Covid Mandates, like every other business and gathering place in the area, we are required to follow guidelines that are designed to keep our facility safe and open. It is important to understand, that even beyond the safety and health of our staff and membership, not adher-

ing to these guidelines could cause the complete shut-down of operations for the entire club.

Wearing masks is one of the most debated aspects of Covid. While the CDC has changed positions on the effectiveness for the wearer of the mask, there is no debate as to wearing a mask to protect others. The new Covid variants are far more easily spread, with a higher



magnitude of morbidity (64% higher). Masks may not block the microscopic Covid particles from getting through to you, but will greatly reduce the amounts of larger particles spread through coughing, sneezing, and spittle from talking. Wearing a mask protects others. Vaccinations are still the best deterrent for you. Do your part.

Important points about what is expected, and why:

- All members and guests, vaccinated or not, are to wear masks indoors, or in any outdoor areas where social distancing (6 feet between one another) is not possible.
- Failure to wear a mask could spread Covid to others through transmission by asymptomatic carriers.
- One case among SHCC workers could result in full or partial shut down of the club.
- If rules are not followed, OSHA may take action to shut down the entire facility.

In addition to these common-sense health practices, we ask your patience in areas of club service that continue to be short-handed. Your kitchen and serving staff are doing everything they can to provide a high level of service for our members. *Please thank them with patience and a good tip!*

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- 2-3 SHCC Senior Men's Group Finals
- 6 Labor Day/Patriot Golf Day
- 8 Gourmet Club
- 9 Men's Guest Day
- 10 Bushnell U. Tournament (Course Closed)
- 12 Couples Classic/Club Championship
- 15 Senior Men's Member-Guest Horserace
- 16-17 Senior Men's Member-Guest
- 20-23 Fairway Aerification/Sanding
- 27 Green Aerification/Sanding (Course Closed)
- 29-30 Tee Aerification/Sanding

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Manager's Report By Dave Shelton General Manager, PGA Golf Professional

It is one of the most wonderful times of year to live and play in Oregon. Fortunately for all of us golf remains open for business. It is my belief that golf in its purest form is a rural sport. Shadow Hills offers one of the most peaceful rural golf environments that I've experienced in 59 years of golf. The evenings at the club offer such a great place to practice, play or dine. The practice facility provides you a unique opportunity to work on every facet of your game, all contained in one area. The learning center with the TrackMan technology only enhances the experience even more.

You would be hard-pressed to find a nicer outdoor dining facility then the deck overlooking your wonderful golf course. The weather will probably provide us a few more great weeks to take advantage of this opportunity; don't find yourself in November wishing you would have enjoyed that experience one more time before winter.

The board of director's election process is under way. The list of members running for the board is now posted in the locker rooms. At the end of September, we will be sending out a voter's pamphlet giving you information about each candidate. Votes will be counted on October 14th at 5pm, any votes received after that date and time will not be counted. Voting for the 2022 board of directors is a very important part of the club and all voting members should exercise their right to vote. Please take time to make an informative vote.

The annual meeting will be done electronically again this year as in 2020. The club will send out a year in review from the president and the list of the 3 new board of directors for 2022.

The club will continue to monitor State Mandated rules and regulation pertaining to Covid and advise our membership as changes take place. Stay safe. Do your part!

The Green Report

By Ryan Wyckoff, Golf Course Superintendent

It seems like it has been a very long, busy golf season. I would like to thank the golf course maintenance staff for all of their hard work, as we have been extremely short-staffed all year.

As Fall approaches, we are looking forward to aerification and sanding of the course. This process will begin the third week of September. On Monday, September 27th, the greens will be deep tine aerified and sanded. This process uses a solid tine that will heal quickly, while penetrating twice the depth of our standard aerification.

Once aerification is completed, we will continue with the green side bunker renovation on the back 9. Holes 11-18 and the practice bunkers will be renovated.

I would like to thank all of the members who volunteered their time and came out for the sand and seed party on August 13th. I Hope everyone had a great golf season!

Women's Club Updates By Earb Blackmore President-Elect/Publicity

The recent Women's Invitational held August 17th and 18th was a rousing success. The weather was cooperative and the course was in great shape. We had 96 participants who enjoyed our hospitality, delicious food and a great golf course. A big thank you to the organizers and staff who covered the details, all of our volunteers who made it possible and the members who contributed raffle prizes.

It is the time to begin thinking about nominations for the Katheryn Schneider Service Award. The award is presented to one woman from the Women's Club membership who has diligently worked behind the scenes to improve our club in some manner. While we may not know how much she does, we all realize the benefit from her added efforts. This award was established in 1991, so for almost 30 years we have been recognizing exceptional women whose efforts have made the club much better for all of us. If you know a woman who stands out in this area you are encouraged to nominate them for this award. Flyers will be posted in the women's locker room outlining the process for nominations. Nominations will close at the end of October.

As sometimes happens during play, something comes up that you are not sure how to address. We will occasionally call attention to actual situations that members experienced and provide the ruling so we all get the benefit of either learning something new or confirming what we believed we knew.

Question:

A ball rolls onto and comes to rest on a bridge over a hazard. What is the ruling?

Answer:

Treated as part of the hazard. One of the options in a hazard is to hit it out of the hazard or in this case off the bridge without a penalty, or 2 club lengths from where the ball crossed into the hazard (no closer to the hole), or from where the ball crossed into the hazard on a straight line from the pin as far back as you want. Both of these options with a one stroke penalty.

Women's 2021 Match Play Results Championship:

Champion - Linda Fox

Runner-up - Marilyn France

Semi Finalists - Penny Sykes and Lori Reynolds

Consolation:

Champion - Lois Kingsford Runner-up - Tricia Johnson



News From The Pro Shop

By Gary Davis, PGA Golf Professional

It has been another summer of great golf . You can find the final results of all the club sponsored tournaments on the web site, as well as in an upcoming ShadowHillsExtra.com articles.

Speaking of accolades and results, here are your Men's & Women's Club Champions for 2021:

Men's Club Champion – Scott Wiley Men's Senior Club Champion – Tom Onstad Men's Super Senior Club Champion – Randy Hill Men's Flighted Net Club Champion – Lance Jester

Women's Club Champion – Carla Glasgow Women's Senior Club Champion – Wendy Jensen Women's Senior Net Club Champion – Lori Reynolds Women's Super Senior Club Champion – Carolyn Townsend Women's Super Senior Net Club Champion – Lois Kingsford

We still have some great member events throughout the month of September. The upcoming Couples (Classic) Club Championship will be held Sunday, September 12th @ 1pm. You can sign up online or give us a call here in the golf shop. The 13th Annual Patriot Golf Day Fundraiser is a joint initiative of the PGA of America and the USGA, Patriot Golf Day enlists the support of public and private golf facilities across the country. Donations received support Folds of Honor, providing educational scholarships to the children and spouses of service members killed or disabled while serving our country. Shadow Hills has plans to participate in this great cause by holding a special "Game of the Day" sometime in September or October. Stay tuned for details and watch the email News You Need to Know for more information!

A couple of reminders...Pace of play is always of utmost importance. With that said, remember that all 5-somes must be approved through the golf shop. If you are going to play 5, remember you are looked at as playing slow by definition, so make sure you always keep up with the group in front of you or keep it to a 4 hour round or less when possible. Also remember to not take your pull carts between greens and greenside bunkers and to keep power carts at least 30 yards from greens. To minimize negative effects on the West Practice Tee(WARM-UP TEE) and main putting green please refrain from chipping practice balls to the green. Lately there have been an excessive amount of practice balls on the main putting green. Both the South and North Tees on the practice facility have balls set up daily for your convenience.



Welcome To Our New Members

Julia Cissel - Social
Brian & Ashley Schmieding - Social
Kelly & Mandy Robinson - Family Golf
Stephanie & Ed Smith - Family Golf
Mark & Tammi Kalen - Social
James & Patricia Menezes - Social
Marilee & Dev Hendrickson - Social
Jeanine & Erik Jensen - Social
Shelli & Patrick Littlefield - Social
Ed & Kelly Collins - Social



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History of Shadow Hills Country Club Celebrating 60 Years of Growth

This is the first of a three part series about the history of Shadow Hills Country Club. Written by General Manager Dave Shelton, it is a great reminder of how far the club has come over our 60 year history.

In August of 1961 plans to complete a 27-hole Santa Clara golf course were announced in the Register Guard. The article said that 9-holes were expected to be completed and open by September 1st. The map of the golf course layout, that was included in the article, clearly shows a very close resemblance to the golf course we play today. It was the brainchild of Bill Erskine, a Mapleton lumberman, and Ray



Pollard, co-owner of a Eugene insurance firm. In 1962 Shadow Hills advertised memberships for sale with the intention of being a private country club. There were three types of membership offered, Regular, Business and

Non-resident. The initiation fee was \$180, and the monthly dues were \$18. In 1963 the clubs first Board President, Ralph McKernan was elected. In April of 1963 the Shadow Hills women's club held their first meeting. They elected their first women's club president, Betty Evans. At this meeting plans were discussed to have a 9-hole women's group on Tuesday mornings and an 18-hole group on Wednesday morning. Approximately 160 women attended the meeting at the club.

Erskine and Pollard built the golf course and the clubhouse with plans to sell the course to the club membership, and to develop homes on the one hundred acres just across Sovern Lane from the course. However, the membership did not grow fast enough to make a buyout possible. Instead, the Country Club organization leased the course and clubhouse from year to year. Its membership was so small and money so limited that the golf course was barely a breakeven proposition. Though they built a half-dozen houses across from the golf course they were not able to proceed with home construction on the scale they had envisioned. By 1965, they began looking for a buyer and Erskine approached Stub Stewart at a lumberman's gathering on the Oregon Coast, and offered the golf operation and subdivision project to Bohemia Lumber Company.

Stub Steward liked the idea, and Bohemia had the capital to build up to two hundred houses on the adjoining acreage and more on the golf course itself. Steward believed that people buying the homes would be golfers, who would in turn, join the country club. As membership rose, the club would then be able to buy the course and clubhouse. After a few years, the plan was for Bohemia to be bought out at a substantial profit. Larry Chapman and Faye Stewart, partners in Bohemia Lumber Company, did not like the idea

or support Stub's vision. However, in the fall of 1965, after long and heated arguments, Bohemia purchased Shadow Hills for just over \$500,000.

The country club organization still collected its dues and made its payment to Bohemia. But because the club's payments fell short of covering the cost of the operation Bohemia paid all the club personnel and covered the overhead on the operations. Bohemia did not acquire the potential housing development land for several more years and just after it did, the State of Oregon and Lane County embarked upon a regulatory push to apply new land-use laws. These laws required septic tanks and water system controls that made rural subdivisions virtually impossible to develop. The homes were never built, the envisioned hordes of golfers would never live around the golf course, and the country club organization would constantly be hard-pressed to make lease payments, much less buy the golf course. Bohemia would spend the next twenty years nursing its "white elephant."

Talks between Bohemia Lumber Company and the board of directors of Shadow Hills about purchasing the club began in 1985. During this time Bohemia was approached by private entrepreneurs showing interest in purchasing Shadow Hills but Stub Stewart felt it was in the best interest of the community to sell the facility to the members.

In 1985 Bohemia decided that the Shadow Hills lease annual payment would need to increase by \$12,000 to cover the operation cost. It was the tipping point for the club and forced President Gene Gustafson and club member and Attorney Bill Honsowetz to accelerate the club's efforts to work out a purchase plan. They managed to raise \$600,000 in pledges from the membership with the hopes that Bohemia would take that as a down payment and carry a contract on the remaining balance. In the end Bohemia agreed to sell the club for 1.1 million, accept a \$600,000 down payment and carry a contract on the remaining \$500,000.

The annual payment on the remaining purchase balance was 50% of the annual lease to Bohemia that the club had been paying. This allowed the club to be financially secure and pay the note off much sooner then the term of the contract. Gustafson today reminisces that the sale of the club by Bohemia was not just motivated by profit margin, and knew down deep that they wanted the members to own the club.

