

# Fast Play

The Monthly Member Newsletter  
of Shadow Hills Country Club

MARCH 2023



## Upcoming Events

### MARCH

- 7 Cocktails with Michelle
- 8 Gourmet Dinner
- 12 Princess and Hero Brunch
- 14 Wine Seminar
- 15 Spaghetti Dinner
- 16 Chili Feed 2-Man Best Ball
- 19 Couples Irish Open
- 20-23 Fairway Aeration and Sanding
- 21 Cocktail Class with Lisa
- 23 Passport Dinner (China)
- 27-28 Greens Aeration
- 28 Wine Seminar
- 29-30 Tee Aeration and Sanding



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## New Score Cards & Tee Markers

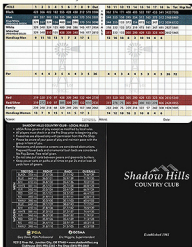
### Fewer Options...Which Tees Are Best Suited to Your Game?

By Patric Miller - Digital Communications Editor

At first glance, when picking up one of the new score cards, those of a certain age are reminded of the album covers for *Metallica*, *AC/DC* or even the hilariously obscure black album cover from the ill-fated *Spinal Tap*. But there was a method to the "reductionist" design of our new cards, and even more important, the resulting reduction in tees for our course.

**First, the ideas behind the stark design of the card.** The intent was to make the cards similar to the cards used on the PGA/LPGA circuit, which are relatively devoid of adornment. The Pros in the Golf Shop, as well as members who serve on the Golf Committee were involved in the design, but may opt for reversing colors (white card, more color) on the next round of cards.

**The reduction in tee markers** will certainly be even more talked about, but has a logical reason for the changes. With our old system, we had six different tee markers; gold, red, white, green, blue and black, as well as the addition of silver and family tees. Far too often, the grounds crew found themselves duplicating the placement of tee markers (green often with white or blue, red and gold often in the same location), with the resulting handicapping nightmare attached.



The current standardization of the tee markers is far more conducive to complying with other courses, especially those which are of championship caliber, such as ours. Black, Blue, White, and Red tees are common to most courses, and help standardize our handicapping.

The biggest hurdle for our members to overcome with the new tee markers, is accepting the fact that tee designation has little or nothing to do with age or gender, but is tied to an individual player's handicap and golf ability. Gold was never intended to represent "Senior Tees" any more than Red was meant as "Women's Tees." Green Tee players did so, because they didn't hit as long as blue tees, but longer than white tees, but in actuality, shared tees with both. Redundant in practice, at best.

*So, which tees should you play from? CONTINUED PAGE 4...*

# Manager's Report

By Ryan Wyckoff

SHCC General Manager

I am sad to report that on February 21, 2023 Shadow Hills lost a long time employee with the passing of Jake Witherspoon. Jake was the Assistant Superintendent on the golf course maintenance team for many years, and began working at Shadow Hills in 2002.

Jake began his turf management career maintaining baseball and sports fields. This experience led him to golf, where he also worked at Middlefield and Tualatin Country Club.

Many of you knew Jake and witnessed his years of dedication and hard work at Shadow Hills to provide the best course conditions for our members. Jake was well liked and respected by his coworkers, and will be greatly missed.



**Celebration of Life for Jake Witherspoon**  
will be held Thursday, March 9th at 4pm at Shadow Hills  
Cards or donations can be sent to  
Kristen Atchley  
2622 York St. Eugene, OR 97404



## 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!

PASSPORT DINNER  
**CHINESE**  
THURSDAY MARCH 23  
6PM - \$60 PER PERSON  
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# The President's Corner

By Barry Bokn

President of the Board of Directors

If you are like me, you've been enjoying some tremendous golfing weather in the month of February. The golf course is in terrific shape, and our true Winter Weather will arrive about the same time that we begin to post our golf scores for those who try and update their handicaps!

March does bring us some fun events (like the Irish Open on Sunday, March 19) on the golf course (as well as some rain). Take a look at upcoming events on Foretees, and enjoy those events that fit your schedule and interest level!

If you play, bring along your umbrella! You might be glad you did!

*See you in the short grass!*

## Handicapping & Rules

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

Welcome to the start of the handicap posting season for 2023. The official start date is March 1, 2023. As we usher in the 2023 posting season, **I would like to re-introduce your Club's Handicap Committee.** The committee members are; Addie Vandehey and Linda Robertson (Women's co-Chairs), Ron Willis (Men's Handicap Chair), Steve Mason and Tom Onstad (co-Chairs).

It is the responsibility of the Handicap Committee to ensure the integrity and accuracy of all the handicaps of those golfers at Shadow Hills who play competitive golf. Two basic premises underlie the World Handicap System; each player will try to make the best score at every hole in every round and that player will post every acceptable round (nine or 18 holes) for peer review. In addition, rounds when played under the Local Rule of Preferred Lies (due to unfavorable playing conditions) must always be posted. By accomplishing these objectives, our competitive play and events will be equitable and more enjoyable for all who play. In advance, we would like to thank you for your anticipated cooperation and support.

It is also the responsibility of the Handicap Committee to make available and post the Club's Handicap Policies and Procedures. Our 2023 Handicap Policies and Procedures will be available on the bulletin board over the posting computer and will be sent to members by way of ForeTees. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding handicaps or score posting. **You may also email us at: (for women) whandicapchair@shadowhillsc.org and (for men) handicapchair@shadowhillsc.org.** All sensitive information received will always be kept confidential.

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# News From The Pro Shop

By Gary Davis , PGA Golf Professional

March is here and the golf season is about to begin! Just a reminder, we start posting scores Wednesday, March 1st. If you do not have an established handicap and would like to get one started, please check with the golf shop and we can help you get signed up.

This is the fourth year of the new World Handicap System. Please pay close attention to Ron Willis's article this month detailing the main objectives of the World Handicap system and posting scores.

There will be times throughout the spring that Preferred Lies (Winter Rules) will be in effect, so as a reminder the OGA and the USGA says you still **POST ALL YOUR SCORES**. However, the Golf Committee and Handicap Chairpersons, who handle all handicap related issues, can make the decision to delay posting scores during the month of March if the weather does not cooperate and the course conditions are not conducive to posting scores. **Check with the golf shop before your round.**

The 9-Hole and 18-Hole Women's Spring Openers will be held in April again this year. We have found that in April participation is up and the weather is better. Stay tuned for details. However, there are two exciting events slated for March. **Thursday, March 16th, we will have the Men's Chili Feed/2-Man Scramble. Sunday, March 19th, is the Couples' Irish Open** which will be a 12pm shotgun start. A special Irish dinner and awards to follow. You can sign up through ForeTees or call the golf shop for further details on these events.

### Other Important Info:

- Stay tuned for further details on Tuesday Night Men's League for the 2023 season.
- You only have until the end of March to purchase your 2023 Guest Passes (limited amount available)
- Remember to keep it to 2 power carts per foursome when possible - Must be 18yrs old to operate power cart

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# The Green Report

By Eric Wiggins, Golf Course Superintendent

It may not feel like it, but spring is just around the corner at Shadow Hills! Spring aeration is scheduled for the end of the month. We will be doing a solid tine punch and sand on the greens. Spring aeration is very important to help get the greens ready for our busy summer season. Some of the tees that have gotten a little worn will get some extra TLC during aeration. This will include overseeding, top dressing, and extra fertilizer to ensure that they are filled in and ready for the summer.

The fairway bunker project on the front 9 has been completed! The new sod that was laid is starting to take root and will be open for play in the next couple of weeks. Feedback on the changes made has been great and we are looking forward to completing the back 9 bunkers in the fall!



I would like to thank everyone who has reached out about the recent passing of our assistant superintendent Jake Witherspoon. As a long-time employee of Shadow Hills, he was a familiar and friendly face around the golf course. During his time here he contributed countless hours and knowledge to helping make Shadow Hills the course we all love. He will be greatly missed.

**If You Are Calling for the GOLF SHOP...**

**DO NOT CALL THE MAIN NUMBER!**

**Call The Golf Shop Direct!**

**541-998-8441**



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

**Strict  
Cart Path  
ONLY  
Today**

**(This Means You!)**



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



# Women's Club Updates

by Trish Johnson  
President-Elect/Publicity

The Spring Kickoff Breakfast will be Wednesday April 12th. All Shadow Hills Woman are invited. Please join us for breakfast at 8:30 in the banquet room, golf tips from 10 -10:30 and an optional 9 hole scramble at 10:30. *Sign up on ForeTees for breakfast and/or golf.*

And don't forget, it's also time to sign up for Women's Leagues! League sign up forms are available in the locker room as well as the Golf Shop. Our leagues are Twilight on Monday evenings, 9-Hole on Tuesday mornings and 18-Hole on Wednesday mornings.

**Lack of the Irish**  
MARCH 7TH 6PM - \$30

**COCKTAIL CLASS**  
with Michelle  
Come and explore  
the world of Irish Whiskey

appetizers & cocktails available  
RSVP ON CLUBSTER

**Spaghetti Night**  
Wednesday March 15th 5pm - 8pm  
\$17.50 per person

Classic Red or White Sauces  
Mixed Green or Caesar Salad  
Bread Sticks

Please  
Make  
Reservations

# Welcome To Our New Members

- David & Jaime Prince - Individual Golf
- Crockett & McKenna Stearns - Individual Golf
- Mitchell & Page Lewis - Jr. Exec. Family
- Austin & Sarah Hughes - Jr. Exec. Family
- Sam & Shaunna Fittipaldi - Individual Golf
- Shannon & Dana Newberry - Individual Golf
- Tom & Tris Lea - Individual Golf
- John & Michelle Hartney - Family Golf

## WHICH TEES SHOULD YOU PLAY FROM? *Continued from Page 1...*

- BLACK** - The championship tees (back tees) are for low-handicap men.(5 handicap or lower)
- BLUE** - Women's Championship or men 5-10 handicap
- WHITE** - middle to high handicap men 10-20, low-handicap or long-hitting women, and lower-handicap or long-hitting senior men.
- RED** - The forward tees are for middle or high handicap women and seniors, and beginners of all stripes.
- SILVER/FAMILY TEES** - Are for younger players, as well as beginners of all ages!

## PLAY THE TEES THAT HELP YOU ENJOY GOLF!

**Princess & Superhero Brunch**

Sunday March 12th 10am - 1pm

\$18 Adults \$15 Kids (Kids under 3 attend for free)

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FIREFIGHTERS & POLICEMEN  
&  
SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCES

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