

Fast Play

The Monthly Member Newsletter
of Shadow Hills Country Club

"Ch-Ch-Ch-Ch-Changes!"

New Season Brings Changes in Handicapping, Posting and an Invitational Event

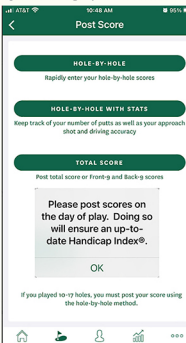
It seems with every new golf season, there are small but distinct changes in rules, which are designed to adapt to the way the game is played, scored and posted. In addition, events are modified to meet the needs of our members, and maintain the success of the event.

A "Name and Focus Change" has happened, with what was our *Senior Member Guest* event. The new name is simply "Men's Member Guest," and as the name implies, this tournament which features teams of two playing together for substantial prize money. **The tournament is now open to ALL members (and their guests), age 25 and older.** It is a handicapped event, with Net and Gross winners. **Registration will start on April 1st with a 44-team limit** and expected to fill up. Additional information and details will be on the entry form, and announced on ForeTees and Clubster.

And speaking of "handicaps," there are significant changes in how rounds are posted, when rounds are posted, and how they are tabulated. Keeping a handicap, and posting your rounds accurately, are integral to fair play in all tournaments and leagues. **HANDICAP SCORE POSTING STARTS MARCH 1st!**

2024 USGA HANDICAP RULE CHANGES for 2024 includes a new method for treatment of 9-hole scores and a score posting change when only 10-17 holes are played. Starting in 2024 when a player posts a 9-hole score, it is combined with their expected Score Differential over 9 holes to create an 18-hole Score Differential for immediate use. Players must play all 9 holes or do not post a score that day. When playing 10 to 17 holes you are asked to post your hole-by-hole scores and the system will automatically calculate the expected scores of the holes not played and post an 18-hole score. *Prior to 2024, holes not played were often recorded as a net par for score posting but that option is no longer available to us.*

HANDICAP SCORING RULES CHANGES CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO...



MARCH 2024



Upcoming Events

March

- 5 Wine Happy Hour
- 6 Taco Wednesday
- 12 Ladies Golf Meet and Greet
- 14 Chili Feed/ 2 Man Best Ball
- 17 Couples Irish Open
- 19 Wine Happy Hour
- 25-27 Green/Tee Aerification Course Closed
- 31 Easter Brunch



For expanded event information and RSVPs go to clubster.com



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Manager's Report

By Ryan Wyckoff

SHCC General Manager

Spring is just around the corner, and we can all agree we are ready for some good golfing weather. We're looking forward to another great season and with a full membership, it's sure to be a busy one.

With the large number of golf rounds played at Shadow Hills, please remember to properly care for the course. This includes fixing ball marks on greens, filling your divots and following the daily cart rules. Implementing these practices aide in maintaining optimal course conditions and provide a better experience for all players. **A reminder that the course will be closed March 25-27th for our Spring aeration process** that is necessary to prepare the course for another season.

This month I will be attending the annual Club Managers Association conference. I am looking forward to my first CMAA Conference, and I will be attending educational seminars on topics such as financial management, strategic planning, food and beverage and club governance. This is also a time to network with other Club managers, share ideas and hear what other clubs are doing. I will also be attending the expo trade show where I hope to be inspired and bring back some creative ideas and strategies to implement at the club for the members to enjoy, and improve our overall member experience.

COURSE RATING & SHORTER COURSES

Courses as short as 700 yards for 9-holes and 1,000 yards for 18-holes are eligible for Course Rating and Shorter Course Rating, enhancing the playability of a membership for all members.



10-17-HOLE SCORES

Most of approved 9-hole courses, "regimes" when 10-17 holes are played, are eligible for the new policy. The new policy will allow a premium to be placed on the holes you played and combined with an approved Score Differential for determining handicap.



9-HOLE SCORES

Most of approved 9-hole courses to combine, all of which will now receive your Handicap Index on the next day. A premium to be placed on the holes you played and combined with an approved Score Differential for determining handicap.



HANDICAP SCORING CHANGES- CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE...

WHEN TO POST YOUR SCORE: Shadow Hills handicap policies include that the adjusted scores must be posted on the day of play by midnight. It is also recommended, but not required, to post hole by hole scores. The current policies are posted above the hallway score posting computer and may be revised by the committee.

Members should also refer to the USGA handicap policies website: <https://rules.usga.org/handicapping-home/>

The handicap committee this year is Addie Vandehey and Linda Robertson (Women's Co-Chairs), Steve Mason (Men's Chair) and Tom Onstad, Gary Brannies and Ahren Spilker (Co-Chairs). The Handicap Committee, appointed by officers of our golf club, are responsible for all aspects of the USGA Handicap System. We are obligated and committed to ensuring the integrity of each Handicap Index we issue for members who play competitive golf.

AUDIT PROCEDURE: The handicap committee randomly audits scores of members who have an active GHIN handicap index, by comparing names on the tee sheet with rounds posted. When performing the audit, the players on the daily tee sheet who fail to post a score for that day will likely receive an email reminder to post the score or notify the committee with a valid reason why the score was not posted or risk having a penalty score posted.

ACTIVE OR INACTIVE USGA HANDICAP: Golfers with an active USGA handicap index who do not post scores and have no interest in maintaining a handicap or playing in competitive events should be changed to "inactive". Please contact the golf shop or handicap committee to change your status from active to inactive or would like to have a USGA handicap.

PLAYERS RESPONSIBILITIES: It's very important to have all the correct names on the daily tee sheet if they played golf that day so, please be sure to delete names on the tee sheet of members who do not play that day otherwise they may get an email reminder to post their score.

PEER REVIEW: It is your responsibility, as you play with fellow club members, to make sure each member posts their scores timely, correctly, and accurately. If a fellow member is not posting or not posting accurate scores, it is your obligation to alert the member. As a last resort any member can contact the handicap committee who can then take any steps necessary to ensure the golfer has an index which is representative of their playing ability. Members who fail to contact the player or handicap committee have failed to fulfill their clubs' responsibilities of USGA handicapping. All information is confidential.

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~~TUESDAY~~
WEDNESDAY

MARCH 6TH 5PM-8PM
ADULTS \$22 1 KIDS \$12
RSVP ON CLUBSTER. PLEASE GIVE US A TIME AND HOW MANY GUESTS.

News From The Pro Shop

by Colin Inglis, PGA Professional

First off, I want to say it is truly an honor to be named the Head Golf Professional here at Shadow Hills Country Club! We have had a long list of excellent Golf Professionals at Shadow Hills, and to be the next line is not something I take lightly. Thank you to everyone who has reached out to congratulate me, the support has been incredible and I am blessed to be here!

It is also that time of year to start posting our scores to GHIN. The handicap committee met last month, and we were quite low in our percent of rounds played vs scores posted to GHIN for last year. A couple things that can help improve this for the new year is **checking in to the golf shop before you play, or have one person in your group do so, to let us know who from your group is here.** This way we can be more accurate as to who played each day. **Second, please post your scores to the GHIN app the same day you play!** Handicaps update every day, so it is important that you are posting your scores and that you are posting your scores the same day you play. We want to make all our competitions at Shadow Hills as fair as possible and need our members to post ALL of their scores to ensure this.

In February we had our annual Super Bowl Scramble and the weather cooperated nicely! We ended up having 98 players, so it was a great turnout for a great event. **Congratulations to Skyler Johnson, Ryan McDonnell, Tom Scoble and Darin Humphreys for winning Gross, with a score of 57!** On the Net side it was **Mark Holmes, Al Pratt, Mike Ward and Aaron Flack shooting 54 for the win.** We had some great golf and **raised almost \$900 for the Eugene Mission,** so thank you to everyone who participated!

We are starting to get our new product in for the season with new clubs, shoes and apparel in the golf shop. We just got in the new demo clubs from Callaway and Cobra that you can take to the range or on the course and test out! The new line from Callaway is called the A1 Smoke, and is what is in my bag currently. On the Cobra side, their new line is called the Dark Speed and is fantastic as well. We will have more aggressive pricing with our golf clubs, to match *Fiddler's Green*, so make sure you stop in the golf shop if you are in need of an update to your equipment and apparel, and help support your club!

Upcoming Events:

March 12th- Ladies Meet and Greet- 10 AM

March 14th- Men's Chilli Feed- All Day, *Make Your Own Tee Times*

March 17th- Couples Irish Open- 12 PM Shotgun
Sign Up on ForeTees



Take Pride In Ownership...

Repair Your Ball Marks & Divots

The Green Report

By Eric Wiggins, Golf Course Superintendent

March is here and that means aeration is right around the corner! **Aerification is scheduled for the 25th-27th this month.** Once again, the golf course will be closed so the maintenance staff can focus on getting all the aerification completed during those 3 days. The driving range and short game area will remain open for practice while the course is closed. With all the wet weather we have had this year spring aerification is very important to open up the ground and get some much-needed oxygen to the roots of the grass. If weather allows, we will pull a core on greens and tees, since we were not able to in the fall.

The rain has made completing the bunker project a bit more difficult, but we are still plugging away! With only 2 holes left we will have the last of the bunkers finished in the next few weeks and we will start rebuilding the white and red tees on #4. This will triple the current size of those tees, giving them a much better chance of surviving through our busy summer.

Even with the couple small dry stretches we have received; the course is still very wet after small amounts of rain. The play during the wet weather is taking its toll on the golf course and we need everyone to do their part to keep our course in the best condition we can. Please remember to fix your ball marks, as well as replace/ fill your divots with sand. *Thank you for your help! See you on the course!*

SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST

Easter Brunch

\$42 for Adults | \$20 Kids under 12
Kids 5 and younger eat free

Brunch 10 am - 2pm
VISITS FROM THE EASTER BUNNY

Egg Hunt at
2:30PM



For reservations call stacey 541.998.2365

Women's Club Updates

By Evelyn Hill
President-Elect/Publicity Chair

Time to Meet and Greet and Sign Up!

Spring is rapidly approaching and it is time to think about Women's Leagues for the summer. League sign up sheets are available in the Women's locker room. **There will be a Meet and Greet on March 12th, 2024 at 10:00 am.**

This event is sponsored by the Nine Hole League, but will also feature info on sign-ups for all of the other Women's Leagues. It is open to all SHCC Lady golfers. You can learn more about all of the Women's leagues, receive registration information, and meet other golfers as well. There will be Coffee, Tea and Door Prizes.

You can RSVP for the Meet and Greet on Clubster.

Save the date for the Women's Club Spring Kick Off on April 10, 2024. There will be Breakfast and check-in starting at 8:30 am, a Golf Clinic from 10:00-10:30 and a 9-hole scramble starting at 10:30. **You can sign up for this event on Foretees.**

SHCC Women's Club

Nine Hole League

Welcomes All Lady Golfers for a
Ladies Meet and Greet
Tuesday March 12th at 10am

Please join us! We will share league calendars, as well as information and registration forms for all of our 2024 Women's Leagues! Golfers of all levels are welcome! **Coffee, Tea and Door Prizes!**
Sign up on Clubster.

Questions contact
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Couples Irish Open

Sunday March 17th

Noon Shotgun Start

Sign Up on ForeTees

Regular Division (under 55)
Men play the green tee and women play the red

Senior Division (over 55)
Both Players must be over 55

Men play the white tee - women play the red tee.

6 tee shots from each player must be used and handicap will be figured at 75% of the team average then rounded up.

Welcome To Our New Members

Casey & Britney McCright - Family Golf

Erik Bonn & Mary Fontenot - Junior Exec family Golf

Mike and Christa Clinton - Family Golf

Kevin Smith - Junior Exec Individual Golf

Andrew Carlisle - Junior Exec Individual golf

Nicholas Swango & Eulalia Webb - Sport Social

SHCC Senior Men - Season Launch Info

The Shadow Hills Senior Men kick off their 16th season on Friday morning April 5th with a 2-Man Net Best Ball. **Signups start March 5th on ForeTees for this event.** Players in the opening event on **April 5th** may pick their partner for the 2-man Net Best Ball or the golf shop can pair you up. All events except for the opening event are individual net Stableford scoring. This event is included in the \$100 per player annual fee (same fee for all 16 years) or players may join us for \$10 per event again this season. Most away events have an addition fee for green fees.

The annual "SHSM tour" includes 15 events, 9 at Shadow Hills and 6 away. Players earn Mason Cup points in each event if they finish in the top 30, plus the top 20 earn golf shop credit.

The group also has several optional special bonus events throughout the year including Ryder Cup matches with other Country Clubs and multi-day out of town trips and end the season with a bonus trip to Sunriver/Crosswater in late September. We had 61 annual members last year plus 15 others who joined us for \$10 per event. We averaged about 40 players for each event last year with members playing in an average of about 10 events. Missing an event will not penalize the player just like on the PGA tour. Only a few were able to play in all the events. It's a great way to meet and play relaxed but competitive golf and make new friends.



Please contact the golf shop or sign up online for this and all other events on ForeTees. The SHSM calendar, results and standings are posted in the Men's locker room and also available online with Golf Genius providing live scoring, results and standing this year. For more details contact the golf shop or "Commish" Steve Mason at 541-521-6782.