



Sport Report

Golf

Twilight League Results

- 1-Yvan Dupuy/Richard Eaton 35pts(card playoff 25pts)
- 2-Mark Sterritt/Ed Black 35pts(card playoff 24pts)
- 3-Scott Haynsworth/Rod Greenwood(John Thompson sub) 34pts

Blue tee pins:

Hole #3

Jack Shaw 5'6"

Hole #4

1-Mark Sterritt 25'6"

2-Yvan Dupuy 27'3"

Hole #6

1-Stephen Moore 11'4"

2-Dan McLaughlin 28'4"

White tee pins:

Hole #3

1-Richard Eaton 11'

2-Vito Corsini 12'4"

Hole #4

1-Greg Aldrich 13'3"

2-Myron Curtis 18'3"

Hole #6

1-Dick Dunham 14'6"

2-Jerry Gray 24'6"

Scrambles

Reported by Commissioner David Greiwe

Last Friday, despite nice weather, we had only eleven golfers show up for the scramble. We went out with two foursomes and a threesome. Winning low gross, with a season low seven under 27, was the team of Mark Sterritt, David Greiwe, Woody Petri and Kathleen Greiwe-Crandell. Low putts went to the team of Scott Haynesworth, Stephen Moore, Pam Fowler and Bruce Fowler.

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total	
Par	4	4	3	3	4	3	4	5	4	34	Putts
Mark Sterritt, David Greiwe, Woody Petri and Kathleen Greiwe-Crandell	3	3	2	3	3	2	4	4	3	27	Low Gross 10
Scott Haynesworth, Stephen Moore, Pam Fowler, Bruce Fowler	4	4	3	3	4	4	3	6	4	35	12 Low putts
Jack Shaw, Joe Bruno, Ed Black	3	4	3	3	4	3	4	5	4	33	13

Ladies Golf

Reported by Anne Douglass

Tuesday, September 15th

We had a huge crowd for the final, official Tuesday Women’s Golf with five foursomes and two threesomes, 26 golfers! Playing an informal scramble format, all had a good time. It was great to have such a group celebrating a great summer.

First Place - Tie Inese, Eliza, Morgan and Alice
Linda S, Linda B, Lyn, and Carol
with a score of 34, and putts 9 and 10

Second Place - Tie Pam, Teri, Michelle, and Mikey
Del, Nina, and Anne
with a score of 37, and putts 10 and 1



This Week-

DISHS home match Tuesday- no tee times after 2:45pm

Billings League to play WEDNESDAY- no tee times after 3pm (final session of the season)

MOONLIGHT MADNESS!!!

Oh, what a marvelous night for some Moon Golf- at least, we hope it will be!

When: Saturday September 26th- convene at 5pm at the clubhouse and together we'll wait for the moon to rise (6:12pm according to the moon mystics)

Sign-up sheet is posted in the clubhouse.

Rising Star

We'd like to give a shout out to Mason Webb, who is currently ranked #2 in the state high school golf rankings for the class of 2030. We're so proud of you!

Post Centennial Meeting Update

A message from Grounds Superintendent Keith Hoover

Why is it important for golf greens to match?

All greens across a golf course should be "playable" from a golfer's perspective, and it should be agronomically manageable from a superintendent's perspective.

From the golfer's perspective:

1. Fair scoring: Matching green speeds should be uniform from hole #1 to hole #9 or #18. This means that a putt hit with a specific force reacts the same way, and it can be measured with a Stimpmeter. (For those who care, our greens have been running at 10.5 lately.)
2. Predictable reactions: Uniform firmness ensures that approach shots bounce and stop reliably instead of holding on one green (like #1,3,8,9) and skipping off another.
3. Equal challenge: Identical turf conditions mean that every golfer has the same test without an unfair advantage.

From the Superintendent's perspective:

1. Uniform grass types help maintenance crews manage water usage, fight diseases, and control wear.

a. The "old" greens were seeded with a mixture of creeping bent grasses in 1928. The thought was that they would cross-pollinate to make a uniform, hybrid-type green. Instead, each of these separate grasses have been trying to outcompete each other throughout a growing season. One major problem with this stand of grass is the "velvet" creeping bent grass appears to be winning. It's beautiful, but wicked hard to maintain. It creates thick thatch, so it needs to be aerated often. You can feel the difference underfoot due to its "puffiness", and so goes the fair scoring and predictable reactions that golfers are looking for. Also, it's disease prone, so it needs to have fungicide applied more often. (precautionary vs. curative applications?)

b. The "new" greens have been seeded with a cool season creeping bent called Declaration that is disease resistant, especially against dollar spot. 20 years ago, it was the "go to" grass for putting greens in the northern climates. Now there are better, genetically modified hybrids that resist diseases and high/low temperatures, but we are looking to have all putting surfaces be alike, so my recommendation is to stick with what we've been using for the last 16 years. This turf provides smooth and uniform ball rolls. It withstands and recovers well from the foot traffic and mechanical wear (mowing, topdressing, etc.), and it does not require as many fertilizer and fungicide applications. The biggest issue with a Declaration green is the invasion of annual blue grass (aka POA Annua) which you have probably noticed on some of the new greens, like #2 or #5. I have suppressed seed production of POA in the new greens with a product called Anuew (a growth regulator), and I will continue to do so. However, POA will always be present in these greens.

2. Drainage on a green is as equally important as the turf grass.

a. The old, push up style greens are as the name implies. Rather than haul tons of sand and soil to build a green, the soil surrounding the green was simply scraped, mounded, and shaped to form the putting surface. There is virtually no drainage under the green other than what was there a million years ago.

b. The new greens have a drainage system under them which makes it much easier to control and maintain the moisture level in the green. It allows oxygen to reach plant roots so they do not suffocate. It drains away surplus moisture that causes fungal disease and plant death. Finally, it retains needed moisture while shedding harmful excess water.

3. Pros and MOSTLY cons of each "old" green replacement:

- #1: Not many pinnable spots. Elevated green, so it's tough to keep it from drying out in the sun and wind. Steep back and right banks, so it's challenging and dangerous to mow and maintain.
- #3: Mostly flat, but very challenging to keep appropriate moisture. It's the wettest due to the underlying ledge/poor drainage. Steep left and right banks, so it's the most challenging and dangerous to mow and maintain safely.
- #8: Least amount of pinnable spots of the original greens. However, there are more pinnable spots by enlarging the green by cutting into the apron for the last several years. Easiest green to mow and maintain.
- #9: Most susceptible to disease pressure. Being at the top of the hill, it dries out regularly due to sun and wind. Relatively easy to mow and maintain.

Therefore, based on these thoughts and on my experience, it is my recommendation that the original, "old" #1 and # 3 greens be replaced next year.

Thanks,
Keith

Tennis

Our visiting tennis pro, Will Mason, is still holding clinics on Wednesday mornings at 9am. We need at least 3 people signed up each week to continue hosting them. Don't miss out on this fabulous opportunity to work with a pro!

Pickleball

Open Pickleball continues this week: Thursdays 9:00-12:00 and Saturdays 2:00-5:00. Intro to Pickleball sessions have wrapped up for the summer. More of those will happen next year. Also, we're looking forward to having a visiting pro run a clinic or two next year, with coaching for all levels!

Best regards,
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