



FAIRWAY NEWS

Salmon Run Golf Course Newsletter

February 2020

Rain, Rain, Go Away ...

The rain in January has been relentless. While the course has fared pretty well it is still soggy and very wet. Balls will certainly plug in the fairways and we have been unable to get a mower on the course. In addition the elk have been just as persistent. They have a new pattern and have been on #9 and #18.—in the soggy parts no less. If you are playing the regular course (not the par 3's) and hit an elk track you probably won't find your ball in the hoof-print puddle. We tried to roll out a few of those tracks but the greens roller got stuck too. So come dryer weather, we'll probably be asking for a workday to "stomp" the course and fill some of the tracks with sand. We aren't the only golf course with elk issues—Gearhart Golf Links is the oldest Oregon Coastal golf course. They have been battling elk issues for many years.

All that wet weather was good for finishing some inside projects and planning. There are plans in the works to change the driving range—yep, we're really going to do it. We'll be working to remove the netting later this winter. The hillside on the right side of the driving range will be cleared (and we'll retrieve TONS of balls), the drainage on the hillside will be repaired and the back of the driving range will also be cleared. This should leave a nice driver shot of about 225 yards until the ball meets the back end net. We're excited to have the City partner on this as well as South Coast (who owns the land). Stay tuned!

We'll be extending our hours based on the daylight as well. As February moves on the days are gaining about 4 minutes—most of it at the end of the day. This will help our twilight golfers to get some holes in. We anticipate it will stay cart path only but with par 3's set up on every hole there's ample opportunity to play and sharpen that short game.

At this writing we're prepping for the Super Bowl "Par 3" tournament. This is a fun group that enjoys the challenge of a par 3 on every hole. Some of the tee boxes are a bit soggy but that's part of the game. It also helps to speed up the day in time for the big event! The same is true for a regular playday—if it's not raining but still very wet on the course. The greens are being maintained but are a bit on the slow side due to the water trail coming off the ball.

~Gary & Val

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DEALS!!

February DEALS—What's the catch? Must mention newsletter!

Monday Madness: Twilight rates from noon on! Mention the newsletter to get this deal..

Sweetheart Special—Bring your sweetie (or partner or golf buddy) and buy one green fee, get one free. Cart fee applies separately. All price classes eligible.

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Ground Under Repair

During the flooding April 2019, part of #1 approach and #11 behind the green suffered damage from the creek drainage and falling trees. While #11 has stabilized the same cannot be said for #1. In fact, more ground has fallen into Jack Creek just below the confluence with Hamilton Creek. This area has a hazard fence to remind golfers not to get too close. This area, pictured above, is severely under cut and we've moved the fencing (after rescuing it from the creek) 3 times. Please remember there is no penalty if you go into this area around the fencing. Please do not go between the fence and the creek as this continues to weaken the integrity of the bank. We anticipate another large alder tree will fall during the winter storms. Already the ground around the root structure is showing cracks and weakening. That will be a project for repairs next summer during the in-water work window.

Upcoming Events

February 2—Superbowl Invitational

March 1—GHIN Posting begins

March 2—High School Golf practice begins

April 18—Wedding Event—Occasion Hall

April 27—HS Golf Tournament



Fairway Café is open every day 7:00 AM–

2 PM. Remember to call ahead if it's pouring!

GHIN Corner

Each month we'll highlight some of the changes to the handicap system. Do you need to activate your GHIN? Even though posting for our course won't begin until March 1st, if you are on vacation you may want/need to post. Contact the course or the SR Ladies or Men's Club to get activated.

Rule Change: Net Double Bogey replaces Equitable Stroke Control. Net Double Bogey=double Bogey + any handicap strokes a player is entitled to receive based on their course handicap. An example: Hole #1 is a par 4. If you are allowed 2 "strokes" based on your handicap then the it would be 6 (hold #1 double bogey) + 2=8. 8 is the maximum score you can post on Hole #1.