



# FAIRWAY NEWS

Salmon Run Golf Course Newsletter

March 2020

## And Away it went ...

As the saying goes, be careful what you wish for. We wanted the rain to go away and it certainly did. That allowed the fairways and rough to dry out enough to really start mowing. Last spring we made some equipment acquisitions that have truly been a game changer for us. The new machines are lighter and more reliable than the equipment we inherited with the course. These machines not only knock down the rough but their lighter footprint allows us to get on the fairways sooner than before. We haven't heard nearly as much about "lost my ball in the fairway rough" as in the past years. We are approaching our 4th anniversary at the course and things have come together—finally! While we're always dreaming of newer equipment, we're able to keep these older "new" pieces working good.

Just once we'd like to not include an "elk" report with our monthly newsletter. We don't know if it's due to the logging or the increased herd size but the elk have been relentless. We scooped over 250 pounds of elk droppings off 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17 & 18 fairways. Gary and John V. spent 4 hours on their knees repairing the 9 & 18 green after a particularly extensive dance party by the herd. If you see someone from maintenance, give them your thanks for working hard to keep the course in good shape. Yes, the soft fairways are still pocked with footprints but we've fashioned a roller to help smooth those out. We've also hired a night watchman who is out there 2-3 nights week to keep the elk at bay. Maybe next month we won't have an elk report!

With spring fast approaching we're anxious to open the fairways to carts but there are just too many soft spots out there. Thank you to everyone for helping by staying on the cart paths during out cart path only months. Fixing ball marks on the greens is also very important—can't find yours? Fix another one you come across. Every little bit helps.

~Gary & Val

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**Attack of the mowers—2 fairway mowers; 2 side winders in the rough. One more mower—big bertha—just out of the picture. These are game changers for EMT!**



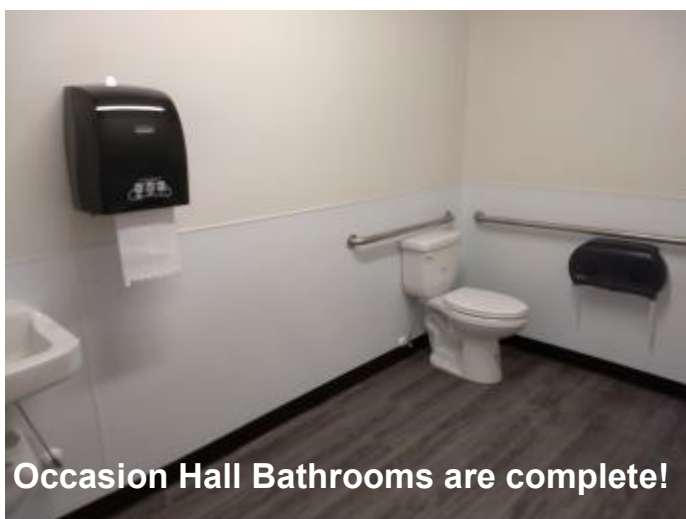
## DEALS!!

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

**Thirsty Thursday:** Twilight rates from noon on! Mention the newsletter to get this deal..

**Luck of the Irish—BOGO March 17-22 on green fees. Your green gains you green. Cart fee applies separately.**

**Keep track of us on Instagram & Facebook for more specials.**



**Occasion Hall Bathrooms are complete!**



## Get Ready for ... Junior Camp & Business League

We've had a lot of people asking about Junior Camp so we set the dates:

Session 1: June 22-26

Session 2: July 13-17

Session 3: July 27-31

**Business League—**Get your team together or let us know you want to be part of a team. There are always teams looking for a few more players.

**May 19—**Initial meeting—dinner & free play night for teams signing up.

**May 26—**Play begins

## Upcoming Events

**March 1—GHIN Posting begins**

**March 2—High School Golf practice begins**

**March 10—Red Hat Luncheon**

**March 31—Conference in Occasion Hall**

**April 18—Wedding Event—Occasion Hall**

**April 27—HS Golf Tournament (we'll need volunteers!)**

## Anniversary Membership Special

All membership initiation fees are reduced as our thank you for everyone coming to golf. If you pay your yearly membership in full you will receive an additional 10% off as well.

Did you know if you buy a walking membership (unlimited golf without a cart) and pay your membership dues in full for the year the cost is just \$1440! AND if you decide you'd like a cart for the day the cost is also reduced and no single rider cart fee will apply as a member.

Also as our anniversary special, if you find a better deal at another course within 60 miles, we'll meet or beat that membership deal. Of course, there are a few conditions (all that fine print) but we'd encourage you to check us out!

## GHIN Corner

Each month we've highlighted some of the changes to the handicap system. Do you need to activate your GHIN? Posting, for our course, begins March 1st. Contact the course or the SR Ladies or Men's Club to get activated.

**Curtis Stroke Index:** Many courses in Oregon are undergoing some changes in the stroke rating (hole difficulty) for each hole. Ours is one of those undergoing changes and new scorecards will be out soon reflecting this change. In addition, later this summer, OGA will be on course to measure, rate and play the course for the slope and score ratings.