



Indian Summer
GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

MARCH

2018 NEWSLETTER

Announcements

PGA Junior League

Registration for the 2018 PGA Junior League is now open! The PGA Junior League is designed for children of all skill levels between the ages of 9 and 13. Please contact Trent Henning at trenth@indiansummorgolf.com for more information or visit pgajrleague.com to register.

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MEMBERSHIP



From the Golf Committee

The Golf Committee met on Wednesday, February 7 and still is in need of two more volunteers to complete the Committee. If you are interested in the Committee please contact Kevin Myers at (360) 459-3772. One of the agenda items for the meeting was the current balance of the Hole-in-One Program that was carried over from 2014. It was approved by the Committee for the professional team to issue gift cards to those who were enrolled in the 2014 program to clear the 2014 balance. The amount of the cards and the exact date of issue are to be determined no later than March 31. The full notes from the meeting have not been approved but will be distributed once approval has happened.

EZ Links Handicaps

As of January 1, 2018 the EZ Links Handicap Network will no longer support the USGA handicap system for Oki Golf or any other association. For those members who have been using this complimentary service, we recommend converting to the GHIN system used by the Washington State Golf Association. Our professional staff can easily assist in the transfer of scores from the EZ Links system to GHIN. In order to have a GHIN handicap members must enroll in either the Women's Club or the Men's Club per WSGA's bylaws regarding the handicap system. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause but we are confident this transition will be seamless and beneficial for all in the long run. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Head Professional, Trent Henning or General Manager, Kevin Myers.

Indian Summer Handicap Committee

This is a reminder to all members that our active posting season begins on March 1, 2018. If you have any questions on posting requirements, please ask Trent Henning or Brad Stephens of the Golf Shop staff.

Your club handicap committee is responsible for all aspects of the USGA Handicap System including verifying each member's handicap index and that **all** acceptable scores are reported for handicap purposes. This includes scores from any rounds that you have played in other areas that have an active season. These are, but not limited to, areas such as California, Arizona, or Hawaii.

It is your responsibility to post all acceptable scores to your scoring record as soon as possible following your round, and definitely prior to the next revision date. The Indian Summer Handicap Committee will be monitoring posting records throughout the season and comparing these records to Tee Sheet records. Scores may be posted by one of the following ways:

- The computer in the Golf Shop
- On www.ghin.com or the GHIN mobile app
- Return your scorecard to a member of the Golf Shop staff for posting

The USGA Handicap System requires the Handicap Committee to do one of three options if scores are not posted to your scoring record. They are:

- Post the actual score made by the player if all the information is known
- Post a penalty score equal to the lowest/highest handicap differential in the players scoring record
- Post the actual score and a penalty score

Remember, this is a required function of the USGA. The committee is not required to notify players of postings of penalty scores. If your name is on the Tee Sheet and you don't play, please notify the Golf Shop so their records are correct. This will prevent you from receiving a penalty score if you didn't play. If you want to know more about the handicap system, you can view the manual here: www.usga.org/Handicapping/handicap-manual.html.

— Dick Taylor, Handicap Chair & Leslie Sullivan,
Handicap Co-Chair

GOLF EVENTS OVERVIEW

MARCH 24	Men's Club Opening Event
APRIL 7	Masters Golf Event
APRIL 9	Greens Aerification
NOW OPEN!	PGA Jr. League Registration

For golf inquiries please contact:
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GOLF COURSE HOURS

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MONDAY	10:00AM - 5:00PM	10:00AM - 5:00PM
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FIRST TEE TIME OF THE DAY		
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TUES-SUNDAY	8:00AM	

Dress Code

Even though it is still the off season, we ask that our members and guests continue to honor our dress code. This dress code applies to the golf course and all practice areas. Please make sure everyone in your group, including children, is dressed appropriately. Please feel free to contact the Golf Shop with any questions.

Men

Acceptable: Shirts with collars and sleeves, slacks and golf shorts up to three inches above the knee.

Not Acceptable: Tank tops, tee shirts, fishnet tops, cut-offs, jams, sweat pants, denim, jeans, bathing suits, tennis shorts or other athletic shorts more than three inches above the knee, and drawstring slacks or shorts.

Women

Acceptable: Dresses, skirts, slacks, golf shorts and blouses. Skirts and shorts must be no shorter than four inches above the knee.

Not Acceptable: Halter tops, sleeveless tee shirts, fishnet tops, bathing suit, sweat pants, cargo pants, denim clothing, jeans, tennis dresses or athletic shorts, and drawstring slacks or shorts.

Shoes

Acceptable: Spikeless golf shoes are required. The Golf Shop must approve use of shoes other than golf shoes.

Not Acceptable: Football spikes, baseball spikes, and other turf shoes.

Kiwi's Corner

The chip and run shot should be the go-to in your short game. It is the most reliable shot around the green. Getting the ball on the ground and rolling as soon as possible greatly increases the chances of the ball's behavior being predictable.

A chip with a lofted club requires a much longer backswing and the longer the backswing, the more potential there is for a miss-hit.

A chip with a lower lofted club like a 7 or 8 iron, or even a hybrid, require a much shorter backswing. A shorter backswing makes it easier to get a pure strike on the ball.

- Take a narrow stance
- Set up with about 70% of your weight on your front leg
- Grip down on the club
- Place the ball in the middle of the stance
- Aim your feet and hips slightly left of target (for right handed golfers)
- Shoulders aimed at target
- Use a putting like stroke (rocking of the shoulders, no wrist hinge and keep lower body still)

— Brad Stephens, Assistant Professional



News & Notes from Trent

Is spring here yet? While we were blessed with some fine days in February for golf, I do believe we can classify those sunny mid-50 days as the “February Fake-Out” we have all developed a love/hate relationship with over the years. As I look out my window right now and see heavy rain and a cold front moving in that will dip us into the teens for temps in the next couple of days, I can’t help but think my opening question was just absurd...but we can hope!

New golf equipment has just begun arriving, and demos will follow shortly. Make sure to stop in the Golf Shop and let Brad or myself show you how the new drivers, fairway woods, hybrids, and wedges can help take your game to the next level. As a reminder, we also have demo days planned for each Thursday in the month of May—this is going to be a big year for golf equipment, technology, and playability enhancements, and we are here to help walk you through your options! Also, don’t forget we are stocked with the latest grip options including the new Golf Pride ‘Align’ grips, so if your grips are getting a bit worn and slippery, drop them off. We would be happy to install a new set for you!

If you are interested in playing some of the top courses in our area, take a look at the information board opposite the Golf Shop where you will find the Pro-Member schedule of events and sign-up sheets for both Trent Henning and Kevin Myers. These events are a great way for us to take our members to play fun and competitive golf at some great venues, and you’ll have your winnings transferred back here to Indian Summer. The first event is right around the corner on March 8 at Sahalee CC.

I am excited to announce we will once again be part of the PGA Junior League in 2018. If you are unfamiliar with the PGA Junior League, check out pgajuniorleague.com, especially the FAQ section. I am hoping to have enough kids to captain two teams this year and we will compete against four or five other teams from the Olympia area, which will make up our league. The League runs during the months of June and July, with one match a week against another team from our league. A match consists of two teammates (or three, with a substitute) competing against a similar grouping from the opposite team in a fun and

nurturing scramble format. The match lasts for 9 holes and is broken up into three 3-hole segments called “flags.” Our current plan is to try to conduct practices and matches on Thursday afternoons or evenings, using April and May as an opportunity to practice as a team and prepare for matches. We may look for additional opportunities to practice during June and July when matches are being held.

The age qualification is 13 and under (must not be age 14 by August 1), and the normal age range is 9-13. If you have a child or grandchild under the age of 9, please contact me at trenth@indiansummorgolf.com to determine if he/she is ready for the PGA Junior League. Your child will receive team jerseys and swag as part of the registration fee. Registration is now open on pgajuniorleague.com. You will see two options to register: ‘Indian Summer Guests’ and ‘Indian Summer Members’. As a member you will need a special private access code to register your child as your registration fee will be significantly less. The code is, IndianSummer2018 (case sensitive). I look forward to working with your children here at Indian Summer G&CC, and please let your non-member friends and family know about the program as this is a wonderful way to showcase our golf course and immerse our young golfers into fun, development based competition!

Stay tuned for next month’s article outlining our adult player development program offerings for 2018. I look forward to seeing you all on the course!

— Trent Henning, Head Professional





TURF MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Aerification is right around the corner!

Aerification marks the beginning of the golf season. Once the greens, tees, and approaches have been punched and sanded, we will shift our focus away from projects to daily course maintenance practices, as is required to keep up with the annual “spring surge.” Our goal is to provide excellent course conditions year-round. In order to achieve this goal, the Turf Maintenance Team must work efficiently and in a focused manner. Each year throughout the spring and summer, the golf course is carefully scrutinized, as there is always room for improvement. By the end of the golf season, a project list has been documented, discussed, and prioritized in coordination with the Green Committee.

From a project standpoint, we had a very busy fall and winter; the bunkers were refreshed with 430 tons of sand. Bunkers scored poorly on the 2016/2017 surveys and as a result, a great deal of time and resources were allocated to improve them. The sand hauling/spreading process was completed in the late fall to allow the sand to settle via rainfall. Bunkers are currently being edged following completion of cart-path edges. Bunker edges will also be repaired as needed.

Similar to winter 2016/2017, the verti-drain targeted the fairway circuit along with some poorly draining tees and other miscellaneous zones with compaction. This machine dramatically accelerates drainage to the point where carts

are rarely restricted due to standing water unless it is pouring rain. Seriously...If it is raining that hard, do you really want to play golf?

The tees and fairways are currently being reshaped closer to their original design with the help of hole-by-hole overhead photos that were taken in 1995. Accompanying this project, the yardage stones were refreshed. Over a two week period, the (tee and fairway) stones were temporarily removed, cleaned, repainted and reinstalled. Once the weather improves, the large granite tee monuments will be cleaned and painted as well. This project requires warmer weather in order for the paint to dry.

Tree debris was removed throughout the winter. As we transition into the spring, low hanging branches along the cart paths and rough will be pruned for obvious safety reasons. This process is done on an annual basis. There are several more trees that will be taken down as part of the 2018 capital improvement plan.

Projects will likely wrap up by early May and staffing-up will begin this month. The Turf Team will be fully staffed by June, if all goes as planned. Hopefully we can avoid that “100 Year Storm” this spring!

— Rick Hancock, Course Superintendent

EMBERS RESTAURANT & LOUNGE HOURS

RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

MONDAY	CLOSED
TUES - THURSDAY	11:00AM - 8:00PM
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SUNDAY	11:00AM - 6:00PM

For social + dining inquiries please contact:

Ian Shulman

ians@indiansummerngolf.com

Trivia Night

Saturday, March 10, 7:00pm

Trivia night is back with another great event on Saturday, March 10 at 7:00pm. This is a fun night run by our members in the Embers Lounge and last month's turnout was incredible. Please feel free to come in early and enjoy our evening specials! Reservations welcomed at (360) 459-4572.

Pasta Night

Wednesday, March 14

\$19.95 per person

Pasta night continues to bring us all out on the second Wednesday of the month! Come out and enjoy the evening while our chefs prepare your meal right in front of your eyes! The cost is only \$19.95 per person and reservations are recommended for this monthly event. Please ask any of our servers or call Embers direct at (360) 459-4572.

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For the Cocktail Connoisseur

The Caipirinha

Born in Brazil, this bright and refreshing cocktail is perfect for the springtime. The main ingredient for a proper Caipirinha is cachaça (pronounced ca-SHA-sa), a Brazilian liqueur made from sugar cane, similar to rum. Although there are many theories around how the drink came to be, one of which suggests that a variation of the drink was used to help cure the Spanish Flu epidemic in the early 20th century, the original recipe likely contained garlic, honey, lime and other strong natural substances. A variation of this is still used to this day to help cure the common cold. And for the non-medicinal version, the balance of sweetness and acidity in the cocktail (plus the contrast of cold against the Brazilian heat) really set off the cocktail's flavor.

Ingredients

- 1 large lime
- turbinado sugar or simple syrup
- lots of ice
- cachaça

Procedure

Quarter 1 lime lengthwise, then cut each quarter in half crosswise and divide pieces between 2 (6-ounce) glasses. Add 1 tablespoon sugar (or $\frac{3}{4}$ oz simple syrup) to each glass, and then muddle lime pieces by pressing with the broader end of the muddler until sugar is dissolved. Be careful not to over-muddle the limes or the drink will become bitter. Fill each glass with ice and add 3 tablespoons (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ounces) cachaça to each, stirring well. Enjoy!

A Message from Ian

Let me begin first by thanking all who attended our Valentine's Day event. It was so nice to see everyone dressed up and enjoying the company of friends and loved ones over a wonderful meal. The evening was a smashing success and I'm definitely looking forward to raising the bar next year.

February was a challenging month, weather-wise. It seemed like we got a bit of everything the Pacific Northwest could throw at us... rain, snow, ice, wind, and sun. With the fluctuating weather, business at Embers Restaurant & Lounge has been less than consistent, however, springtime is coming up right around the corner. We're looking forward to inviting you all to our well-established events this time of year, like Easter Sunday as well as our Mother's Day Brunch. Be sure to mark those days on your culinary calendar!

It was my hope to be launching the new appetizer and core food menus for Embers by now, but they still need some work to ensure that we're exceeding the expectations of our members and guests alike. We appreciate your patience, though I truly believe that it will be well worth the wait.

In parting, the Embers team would like to thank you for your continued patronage and convey the warmest of regards to keep you toasty until spring arrives.

As always, cheers!

— Ian Shulman
Food & Beverage Manager

MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Prime Rib Night	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Prime Rib Night	10 Trivia Night
11 Daylight Savings Spring forward!	12	13	14 Pasta Night	15	16 Prime Rib Night	17 St. Patrick's Day at Embers
18	19	20	21	22 Wine Club	23 Prime Rib Night	24 Men's Club Opening Event
25	26	27	28	29	30 Prime Rib Night	31 Tomorrow is Easter Brunch!

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SAT - SUNDAY	CLOSED



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