



Indian Summer
GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

DECEMBER

2019 NEWSLETTER

Announcements

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MEMBERSHIP

CLUB EVENTS OVERVIEW

DEC 5	Thursday • 5:30–7:30pm Thirsty Thursday
DEC 7	Saturday • 4:00–7:00pm Golf Shop Holiday Sale
DEC 11	Wednesday Pasta Night
DEC 14	Saturday Santa Claws Open
DEC 18	Wednesday • 6:30pm Premium Wine Club Event
DEC 25	Wednesday Merry Christmas!
DEC 31	Tuesday • Seatings start at 6:00pm New Years Eve Party
JAN 1	Wednesday Happy New Year! ½ Price Guest Day
JAN 8	Wednesday Pasta Night
JAN 11	Saturday • 7:00pm Trivia Night is Back!

Club Dress Code

We ask that our members and guests 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 (of any color), 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, yoga pants, cargo pants, denim (of any color), 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.



Membership Referrals

Refer a new member and receive a \$150 gift card!

The membership opportunities at Indian Summer Golf & Country Club are endless! Refer a friend to join and you'll receive a \$150 gift card. Contact Kevin Myers at kevinm@indiansummerglass.com for more details.

A Note From Austin

I have felt the warm welcome at Indian Summer Golf & Country Club since joining the team and I hope to enhance the experience you have all come to expect at this wonderful club. I am extremely honored to be your new Head Golf Professional and very excited for what we have in store for this great membership. We have some great additions ready to bring to light for this club, and we hope you find them as exciting as we do!

One of the first additions we are implementing is the ability to sign up, score, and track all golf tournaments using Golf Genius. Golf Genius allows our tournaments to be scored in real-time just like the PGA tour. By simply logging your scores on the Golf Genius app, you will be able to see how your score/team score is stacking up with the rest of the field. Golf Genius allows the club to communicate with you quickly and efficiently as well, to update you on upcoming events, sales, and other programs we feel you may want to be a part of. Although we received your email addresses when you joined the club, if you currently are not receiving any emails from us, please contact me and we will make sure you receive updates for all things Indian Summer.

One of the upcoming events is the Santa Claws Open (more info on page 5). This event will consist of two player teams playing a 9/9 format where the front nine will be a best ball and the back nine will be a scramble. With live scoring in place for this year's Santa Claws Open, we would appreciate it if all players downloaded the Golf Genius app (check out page 4 to download the app). Again, if there are any issues, please visit myself or anyone in the Golf Shop to help, we are happy to set you up and get you ready to play. Once you have downloaded the app and opened it, it will ask for a "GGID." GGIDs are specific to each event, and they will be provided before the round. We feel this will be a wonderful addition and our players will realize the benefit right away.

We as a staff are very excited for future events and future opportunities to impress you. I look forward to seeing you around the Club.

— Austin Zech, Head Golf Professional



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GOLF GENIUS

Download the app now!

Use the mobile apps to quickly get access to tee sheets, live leader boards, league and event portals, and more.

Visit bit.ly/isgolfgenius to download the Golf Genius app for iPhone, Android, and iPad.

DECEMBER **KIWI'S KORNER**

Pre-Shot Routine



Whether you're on the course or the practice facility, every shot you hit should include a pre-shot routine.

See the Shot

This is when you need to build up a picture in your mind of exactly what a good shot will be—how it will fly, where it should land, and how far it will roll. As you look at the shot facing you, think about the weather conditions, how the ball is lying, the terrain of your landing zone, and what the wind is doing. This will be a huge help when it comes to executing the shot.

Dress Rehearsal

Before you move into the shot itself, make a proper practice swing—this is your dress rehearsal. Too many players waste energy on meaningless practice swings. Use yours to help set a more confident mindset by developing a genuine feeling for the shot and the swing you are going to make.

Align Yourself Correctly

Trying to align yourself to a target that is in the distance is incredibly difficult. Stand behind your ball and pick a spot 6 inches or so in front. This is your target line. Aim your feet, body, and clubface directly down it. By doing this, you will be in a much better position to build your stance.

These pre-shot routine tips will not only help with better addressing positions and swing mechanics, they will also help create a positive and focused mindset, resulting in a more consistent golf shot.

— Brad Stephens, Assistant Golf Professional

New World Handicap System

The USGA Handicap System is changing in 2020!

The Handicap Index calculation is changing

Your number will be based off your 8 best scores out of the past 20. For most U.S. golfers, the change will be minor, but you may see that your Handicap Index is different in January, despite not having played!

Net Double Bogey will replace ESC

The maximum hole score for handicap purposes will be limited to Net Double Bogey (Par + 2 + any handicap strokes you receive).

You will have a Playing Handicap

Slope Rating and now Course Rating and Par will be used to determine your Playing Handicap, allowing players to compete from different tees more easily.

You will have more responsive Handicap Index updates

Your Handicap Index will update the day after you post a score. On days you don't submit a score, no update will take place.

Safeguards have been added to protect your Handicap Index

The system will account for abnormal playing conditions, limit extreme upward movement of a Handicap Index, and reduce a Handicap Index when an exceptional score is posted.

To learn more, visit usga.org/whs

Source: usga.org



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Santa Claws Open

Saturday, December 14

Format

2-Person teams. Play best ball on the front nine and a scramble on the back nine.

Winter Rules

Shots must be played within one club length of the original lie, no closer to the hole and the lie must remain similar (a ball in the rough must remain in the rough, etc.).

Register here: bit.ly/santaclawsopen

Course Care Throughout the Winter

It is imperative to **check in with the Golf Shop** as they will have the most information regarding frost delays. If care is not observed, major damage can occur on the golf course during frosty mornings. Please stay off all grassy areas until the team gives the "okay."

Please **repair your ball marks** on the greens. During this time of year, the grass does not recover as quickly and an unrepaired ball mark may be seen for the next several weeks!



Golf Carts

Please pay attention during the wet times and avoid puddles while using your golf cart. Also, please park on the path around the greens and tees to help minimize the traffic while the grass is slow-growing.



TURF MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Western Washington winters are renowned for gray skies, freezing temperatures, long stretches of rainfall, and shortened days. Over a typical winter, turf growth slows to a crawl and dormancy can even occur depending on the duration of freezing temperatures. These conditions are not ideal for growing healthy grass and turf damage tends to accumulate until growth and recovery can resume in the spring. In order to promote consistent health for putting greens, cultural practices are implemented early in the fall when turf is actively growing.

Just prior to our spring aerification, the cutting height is raised in weekly increments of 0.005". For 6 months the greens are maintained at 0.1" and raised to 0.14" for four months of the off-season. Raising cutting heights is not popular due to slower putting speeds but it is a necessary step for promoting year-round health. The leaf blade is responsible for energy production via photosynthesis. A longer leaf blade yields greater energy production. Energy is stored as carbohydrate reserves and these reserves are essential for spring root growth as well as supporting the plant through the winter months when nutrient intake is limited. Throughout the summer months, roots shorten

due to normal environmental stresses and aggressive maintenance routines. Roots anchor the plant, promoting green firmness but, equally important, they absorb water and nutrients. Longer roots going into the summer mean that the greens are able to handle heat stress, disease pressure, lower cutting heights, daily mowing, and rolling, which ultimately supports faster green speeds. 😊

Another benefit of longer leaf blades through the winter is the improved insulation value. Longer turf withstands damage from desiccation and mechanical injury much more effectively than shorter grass. When topdressing sand is incorporated into the turf canopy prior to harsh environmental conditions, the insulation value increases further. Alternatively, if the turf is mowed too short, incorporating sand can create wounds on the leaf blades which can lead to disease pressure and a weakened overall plant. This can become a downward spiral where the turf thins out and the greens require costly chemical inputs and prolonged healing time entering spring. The normal timeline for lowering the cutting height would likely be delayed until the greens heal sufficiently, the result being slower greens for an extended period.

The next cultural practice is aerification. Punching and sanding the greens in the fall accelerates water and air movement through the soil profile. This is important as standing water increases disease pressure. A long-term saturated soil profile can lead to rapid deterioration and turf loss. Fortunately, our greens are built with internal drainage to minimize extended periods under saturated conditions. When the greens become sealed off at the surface from routine maintenance practices, you will see that the greens are opened using needle tines. This is a bi-monthly practice that targets water-holding bowls. These pockets commonly experience disease pressure from *Pythium*, which is a destructive disease that compromises the root system under extended wet conditions.

So, putting green health and cumulative damage in mind... Please remember to repair those ball mark, unless the greens are frozen! Merry Christmas and happy New Year in 2020!

— Rick Hancock, Course Superintendent



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RSVP required. Please call (360) 459-4572 or email kristid@indiansummergeolf.com



Pasta Night

Wednesday, December 11
\$19.95 per person

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 at (360) 459-4572 to make your reservation.

Premium Wine Club Event

Wednesday, December 18 • 6:30pm
\$60 per person (includes tax and gratuity)

Our annual Long Shadows and premium hors d'oeuvres tasting will be on Wednesday, December 18 and the fun starts at 6:30pm. The cost for this event is \$60 per person (includes tax and gratuity). For more information or to join the 2019-2020 Wine Club, check out the Wine Club page on the Indian Summer website.



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Prime Rib Night

Fridays at Embers

Join us every Friday night at Embers Dining Room & Lounge for an 8, 10, or 12 oz. cut of ultra-tender Prime Rib hand-carved by our chef. Try pairing yours with a selection from our wine list! All Prime Rib dinners are served with your choice of soup, Caesar or house salad, and a baked potato, mashed potatoes, or rice.

For social + dining inquiries please contact:

Ian Shulman

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SOCIAL + DINING



A Message from Ian

As you're reading this we will have executed our two big, yearly holiday events, the Thanksgiving Buffet and Breakfast with Santa. Hopefully you were in attendance, had a wonderful time, and you're now in full holiday "spirits" (pardon the pun, it was completely intentional).

At Embers Restaurant & Lounge, we're always in the "spirits" which brings us to my next topic of note. If you haven't been to a Thirsty Thursday (on the first Thursday of this month), you're really missing out on the complete Indian Summer experience. To be honest, it's actually an event for the ladies but who are we to discriminate? Each Thirsty Thursday, from 5:30–7:30pm, we feature three unique adult beverages for our members and guests to try. This experience comes complete with an ever-changing array of appetizers crafted by Chef Romel with pride and passion. All this including the skills, hospitality, and personality from the Embers Food & Beverage team for only \$20 (\$25 for guests).

This month, we'll be starting with the Celtic Buck, a scotch based cocktail with pear nectar, ginger ale, and a touch of holiday spice. Next up is Sean's interpretation of a traditional Sangria but taken to the next level with a touch of chocolate and notes of holiday spices, like cinnamon and nutmeg. Finally, for "dessert," we're crafting a Gingerbread Martini which will be rich, creamy, spicy, and sweet (but not too sweet). These three particular cocktails, typical of our offerings each month, are chosen, developed, and *occasionally* modified to play off one another through the use of common ingredients or themes, thus providing a complete, satisfying, and unique experience. If you haven't been to one of these events you're in danger of seriously selling yourself short!

Since it seems as though I've taken enough of your valuable time rambling on and on about food and drink (I could, literally, do it all day long), I'll forego "The Cocktail Connoisseur" just this once. Never fear, it will return next month. In closing, I hope to see you all very soon at Embers Restaurant & Lounge. As always... cheers!

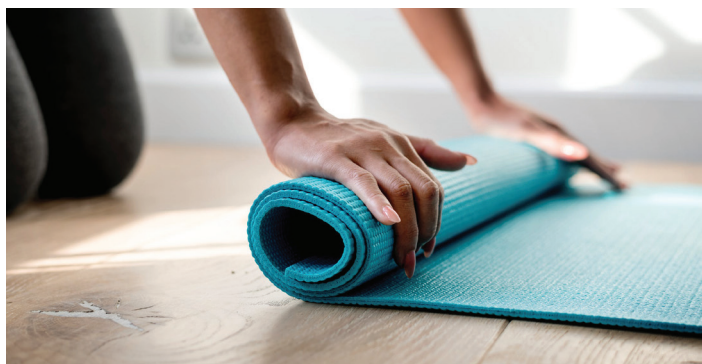
— Ian Shulman, Food & Beverage Manager

EMBERS RESTAURANT & LOUNGE HOURS

RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

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SUNDAY*	11:00am–5:00pm

**Limited Menu available*



Yoga Flow & Gentle Yoga

Mondays 5:30–6:30pm & Wednesdays 9:30–10:30am

Join us for Yoga Flow, Mondays from 5:30–6:30pm and Gentle Yoga on Wednesdays from 9:30–10:30am (check the stand in the club lobby for location of class). For more information or to register, please contact Kathy Thomsen via email at thomsentimber@msn.com. Instruction provided by OlyYoga.

Weekly Specials

Call Embers Restaurant daily after 3:00pm for the night's special from our Indian Summer Culinary team! (360) 923-1075 ext. 109



**Planning a holiday party?
Check out page 10 for details**

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LUNCH FEATURE SHEET

Nov/Dec 2019

Available before 4pm

The Grinder

Oven toasted with salami, pepperoni, pesto, mayo, lettuce, tomato and red wine vinegar & herb drizzle.

*served with your choice of side**

- 13.95 -

Captain's Fry Platter

With razor clams, prawns, white fish and served with French fries.

- 16.95 -

The Classic Reuben

Corned beef, sauerkraut, Swiss cheese and 1000 island dressing served on marbled rye bread.

*served with your choice of side**

- 14.95 -

***Side options:** soup du jour, salad, French fries, or house made coleslaw
Seasonal fruit - add 4 Onion rings, tater tots, or sweet potato fries - add 2

No substitutions on Feature Sheet items please

SOCIAL + DINING



Parties & Events at Indian Summer

Whether you're planning a small, intimate gathering or extravagant celebration, our 33,000-square-foot clubhouse boasts several different spaces making it the perfect venue for any event.

IDEAL SETTING FOR holiday parties, birthdays, anniversaries, retirement celebrations, baby and bridal showers, fundraising events, networking and professional events, and banquets of all kinds.

VERSATILE SPACES

The country club offers six different event spaces that can accommodate up to 300 guests, perfect for any type of special celebration.

- Ballroom: up to 300 Guests
- Oak Room: up to 120 Guests
- Fireside Room: up to 50 Guests
- Oakside Courtyard: up to 200 Guests
- Bordeaux Room: up to 90 Guests
- Embers Restaurant: up to 40 Guests

AMENITIES & SERVICES

- Full-service, in-house catering
- Experienced team of event management and catering specialists
- Conveniently located just 15 minutes from downtown Olympia
- Ample complimentary parking

For more information and to learn about member discounts, please get in touch with Kevin or Kristi.

DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Thirsty Thursday	6 Prime Rib Night	7 Holiday Golf Shop Sale
8	9 Yoga Flow	10 Women's Day	11 Pasta Night Gentle Yoga Men's Day	12	13 Prime Rib Night	14 Santa Claws Open
15	16 Yoga Flow	17 Women's Day	18 Premium Wine Club Event Gentle Yoga Men's Day	19	20 Prime Rib Night	21
22	23 Yoga Flow	24 Women's Day	25 Merry Christmas!	26	27 Prime Rib Night	28
29	30 Yoga Flow	31 New Year's Eve Party Women's Day				

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ADMINISTRATION OFFICE HOURS

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SAT–SUNDAY	CLOSED



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