

# MAY NEWSLETTER



Indian Summer Golf & Country Club



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Harold Wright Sr.  
Thomas Helms  
Chad Zhu & Summer Yang  
John McCaslin  
Shawn Lee  
Brenden Clerget  
Tim Gordon  
Paul Moore  
Mark Blackburn  
David & Christi Skinner

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## WELCOME BACK!

Allan & Debora Munguia  
Judy Weeks  
Sean Sipe  
Hyung & Young Lee  
Trent House  
Roman Daniels-Brown



# GOLF SHOP NEWS

It may have seemed for a few weeks there that the Spring weather and the start of the 2024 season would never arrive...but it has! Welcome back to all of our valued members who have been away for a few months! We are thrilled to see you, and more importantly, excited to make the season one to remember!

I want to make sure you are aware of a few things: 1) The Golf Shop and driving range will open at 6:30am every day of the week. 2) Mondays will be the days that we designate to clean pick the driving range and perform weekly maintenance to the practice area. 3) New range balls have arrived, and we plan to swap them out during the first week of May.

Rest assured, both Ian and I, along with our dedicated team, have been working diligently to ensure exceptional service for all of you. Please know that we are always here to help! Should you have any questions or needs, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Tee it high and let it fly!

— Brian Petoletti, Head Golf Pro

## GOLF HOURS

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MON–SUN	6:30am–6:30pm
	PRACTICE FACILITY
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TUES-SAT	6:30am–7:00pm
SUN	6:30am-6:00pm
	FIRST TEE TIMES
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### Events and Happenings:

**May 3:** Callaway Fitting Day 12-4pm

**May 8:** Men's Home & Home @The Plateau Club

**May 9:** Sip & Chip 5:30pm

**May 10:** Couple's Night 5:30pm

**May 11:** Men's Club President's Cup, Women's Club Lone Ranger Event

**May 15,** Men's Home & Home vs. The Plateau Club (Indian Summer)

**May 21:** Titleist Fitting Day 11am-4pm

**May 23:** Course closed for Evergreen Christian Golf Tournament

**May 25-26:** Men's Club Indian Summer Cup

**May 29:** Men's Club Horse Race 5:30pm

**May 30:** Cleveland/Srixon Demo & Wedge Fitting 1-6pm

**May 31:** TaylorMade Fitting Day 11am-3pm

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## TURF TALK

The golf season is rapidly approaching, and based on current weather patterns, we anticipate charging the irrigation system an entire month ahead of schedule. Usually, the system is charged in mid to late May. It is not uncommon to irrigate briefly in April, but usually only for a day or two. Mother nature's faucet has been turned off and on again, and all the playing surfaces are drying down and firming up, which is great for golf but can lead to challenges with turf health throughout the summer. Prolonged heat and dry conditions will lead to turf loss as cool season grass does not perform well under extreme dry/hot conditions, and the best irrigation systems operate at 70% uniformity of coverage. This, coupled with the relatively short root system of cool-season grass, leads to drought intolerance.

The greens that struggled last season are 99% healed. We are in the process of lowering the cutting height. The turf maintenance team is shifting away from project work and primarily focusing on consistent course conditioning along with routine detail work. The tees were fertilized in April, and the fairways will be fertilized in May as the spring surge tapers off. Fertilizer improves turf density and color.

From a project standpoint, the aerification of the greens, tees, and approaches was completed by mid-April. The sand was incorporated into the holes, and the playing surfaces are recovering nicely. A deep-tine aerator was approved and has been ordered for Indian Summer. It is expected to arrive this fall, allowing us to punch the fairways this off-season. This machine is designed to relieve soil compaction while maximizing drainage. It is essential for playability and golf cart operation during wet conditions.

From an equipment maintenance standpoint, we have completed some much-needed repairs. The greens mower and both fairway mowers have had most of their hydraulic lines replaced. Although not a guarantee, this greatly reduces the possibility of hydraulic leaks. The primary rough mower was non-operational last fall due to electrical faults. A full wiring harness replacement was completed, and it is operating effectively now. Enjoy the spring weather, and please remember to fix your ball marks and sand your divots!

— Rick Hancock, Superintendent

### **From the Golf Committee:**

Thank you to all who are abiding by the blue return to cart path line. This will help areas around the green heal nicely with less compaction. A few reminders:

- Please fix your ball marks!
- Please sand divots
- Remind your guests about Indian Summer's Dress Code

# FOR THE COCKTAIL CONNOISSEUR

## The Caipirinha

Born in Brazil, this bright and refreshing cocktail is perfect for springtime. The main ingredient for a proper Caipirinha is cachaça (pronounced ca-SHA-sa), a Brazilian liqueur made from sugar cane, similar to rum. 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 which is still used to this day to help cure the common cold. And for the non-medicinal version, the balance of sweetness and acidity of 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
- Cachaça
- Lots of ice

Quarter a lime lengthwise, then cut each quarter in half crosswise and divide pieces between 2 (6-ounce) glasses.

Add 1 tablespoon sugar (or ¾ 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 ½ ounces) cachaça to each, stirring well. Enjoy!



# MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

**Sunday, May 12 • 10am-2pm**

Treat her to a buffet-style brunch featuring Eggs Benedict, fresh seafood, and chef-carved beef. Call [360.459.4572](tel:360.459.4572) or [email Kristi](mailto:email Kristi) to make your reservation!

Adults: \$52.99

Seniors: \$45.99

Children: \$25.99

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## DINING HOURS

MON	Closed
TUE-THU	11:00am–8:00pm
FRI–SAT	11:00am–9:00pm
SUN	11:00am–6:00pm
	SNACK BAR
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SAT-SUN	8:00am-4:00pm



## EMBERS UPDATE

This month, it's time to honor and cherish the one who brought us into this world, Mom. What better way to show Mom how much we care than by taking her to brunch with the whole family on this special day? She certainly deserves a few Mimosas for all that she's done and does. On Sunday, May 12, Indian Summer G&CC will once again feature its "locally world-famous" Mother's Day Brunch, and this year we're pulling out all the stops! We are taking reservations between 10am and 2pm on the half hour. (Disclaimer: by the time you're reading this, some time slots may already be full.) If our Easter Sunday Brunch was any indicator, this will be one for the history books. Bring the whole crew down to celebrate; just don't forget to call or email us to make a reservation. We can't wait to see you all!

On another front, this year's Indian Summer Wine Club has featured not a single winery that has ever graced our Grand Ballroom. In the past, there have been repeat performances from a few old favorites: Sleight of Hand, La Storia, Fidelitas, and others. Not this year! So far, we've been joined by representatives from Washington State's own Dusted Valley and Upchurch Vineyards. Both of which are turning out world-class wines that will undoubtedly be recognized as such. Just a few short weeks ago, our speaker was Jack Chase, an expert on wine from South Africa. Our members tasted exceptional and unique varietals from Bellingham Bush Vines and Boschendal, where they've made wine for (wait for it)... over 400 years. That is not a typo, folks. If this piques your curiosity at all, email me and let me know if you want to be added to my list to receive future Wine Club announcements.

What about Embers Restaurant & Lounge, you ask? Count on the crew and myself doing our thing day in and day out, exceeding expectations and spoiling our guests with hospitality. Lately, we've been getting the patio spruced up and ready to open for your dining and drinking pleasure. If you haven't come by for any of our weekly or monthly promotions, you're doing yourself a disservice. I'm most excited about the brand-new Taco Tuesday (neighbor appreciation) that takes place from 4-6pm each week (except the final Tuesday of the month, which is Pasta Night from 5-8pm). Taco Tuesday features pork, cod, beef, or prawn tacos, rice, beans, and chips & salsa. Our house or a rotating "flavor of the month" margarita is only \$6. You can also treat yourself to a \$4 Corona or a "Bucket of Coronitas" for only 800 pennies. This promotion has steadily grown in popularity each week in April. Add to this Thirsty Thursdays and Trivia Night, which takes place on the second Saturday of each month, and you're sure to find plenty of fun things to do, and you might even make a few new friends. Cheers!

— Ian Shulman, Food & Beverage Manager

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Callaway Fitting Day Prime Rib Night	4
5	6	7 Taco Tuesday	8 Men's Home & Home at Plateau Club	9 Sip & Chip	10 Couple's Night Prime Rib Night	11 Men's Club President's Cup Women's Club Lone Ranger Trivia Night at Embers
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