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We need your help!

By Dave Broeder & Marlin Hanson, PGA Professionals

Unlike many sports, golf is played, for the most part, without the supervision of a referee or umpire. The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players and to abide by the rules.

All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be.

This is the spirit of the game of golf.

To that end, **we need your help!** Buffalo Hill does not have the resources or desire to “police” every player from sunrise to sunset. We need the cooperation of all members and green fee players to be “self-policing” while on the premises and to use common sense to insure the protection not only of the game of golf, but also the protection of these hallowed grounds we call Buffalo Hill Golf Club.

Please remember these:

- Maximum number of motor carts allowed per group:
 - 1-2 players = 1 cart;
 - 3-4 players = 2 carts; and,
 - 5 players = 3 carts;
- In the absence of a cart path, keep all motor carts at least **30 yards** from greens and tees;
- When “**cart path only**” rule is in effect, all motor carts, including those marked with physical limitations flags, must stay on cart paths. No exceptions for any carts;
- Motor cart drivers must have a valid driver’s license to operate any private or rental motor cart;
- Maximum of two (2) riders per private or rental motor cart, regardless of age;
- All motor carts must be operated in a safe and responsible manner, **reckless driving will not be tolerated and will result in immediate suspension of motor cart privileges;**
- Cancel unneeded tee times as soon as possible, so they can be used by others;
- Use sand and seed or replace your divots;
- Repair ball marks on greens, whether or not made by you;
- Rake bunkers after every use by smoothing over all holes and footprints made by you and any nearby made by others;
- Register with the Pro Shop or starter before each round;

**Kalispell Golf Association
Annual Meeting Agenda
Buffalo Hill Clubhouse
April 16, 2008 (7:00 p.m.)**

- I. Call meeting to order - Don Walter, President
- II. Reading and approval of minutes from June 20, 2007
- III. Reports from officers and committees:
 - A. Audit - JCCS CPA’s - Tony Vanorny, CPA
 - B. Finance - Greg Ellingson, Chair
 - C. House - Lynn Hadley, Chair
 - D. Greens - Jon Lowry
 - E. Rules & Tournament - Terry Williams, Chair
 - F. Long Range - TBA
- IV. Election of Directors
 - A. Terms Expired
 1. Greg Ellingson
 2. Kevin Aurich
 3. Scott Carlson
 - B. Nominations from nominating committee
 - C. Call for nominations from the floor
 - D. Ballot vote if necessary
- V. Old Business - Call from the floor any old business
- VI. New Business
 - A. Open to membership
- VIII. Motion to Adjourn

Note: With the approval of the By-Laws last June, the annual meeting date has been moved to April to coincide with the new fiscal year. Therefore, any items from the membership must be brought forward by Feb. 15th to be included on the annual meeting agenda.

- Players should play at a good pace. It is the group’s responsibility to keep up with the group in front. If the group loses a clear hole and it is delaying the group behind, it should invite the group behind to play through, irrespective of the number of players in that group;
- Be ready to play when it is your turn.
Together, we can insure the spirit of the game of golf lives on at Buffalo Hill Golf Club.
See page 3 for the complete motor cart rules, etiquette and sanctions as approved by the KGA Board.

Too Far - No Par

Halfway House: We have been remodeling the Halfway House this winter and hope to have the work complete as the season begins. We hope you enjoy the new look!

Monday Morning Maintenance: We will be using Monday mornings for maintenance activities throughout the 2008 season. The course will be open for play on Mondays, but not until the mid to late morning. We will use these opportunities to light-topdress the greens, perform slicing aerifications, check the irrigation system's performance and apply fertilizers as needed. Thank you for allowing us this time to perform these necessary maintenance activities.

Weekend Openings - EARLIER!: The golf course will open earlier on the weekends and holidays than it has in the past few years. Check with the Pro Shop for new earlier tee times!

The Never Ending Story: We have continued to work on the trees this winter. Numerous removals, many of which are in the river bottom, will enable replanting in the future. The declining birch and problematic poplars constitute the majority of the removals. It is difficult, dangerous and scary work. No one removes a tree for fun. It is only out of necessity (for your safety and for the long term viability of Buffalo Hill Golf Course) that we take on this work.

Clubhouse Parking: The landscaping around the clubhouse is 99% complete. There will, most likely, be a reorganization of the parking lot near the front of the clubhouse. Due to the tight conditions in this area, there are plans to install only handicap parking spots in front of the clubhouse. This will bring us into compliance with the regulations and may reduce the turn-around traffic in that area.

Turf Status: This winter has produced a fairly typical amount of snow in Kalispell, while Whitefish and Columbia Falls have been buried in snow. The weather that concerns us is the freezing and thawing cycles and we have had a fair number of those events this winter, although, not as many as last year. It is far too early to make a prediction as to how the turf will fair, but the greens are covered, the fungicides were applied and we aerified all the closely-mowed turf last fall. In other words, we have done all we can to give your turf its best chance to make it through the winter. We are hoping for the best! We are due!

Irrigation Valves: We had a contractor finish the irrigation valve replacements up on the bench-top holes #8, 9, 10 and 11. Leveling the sod around these valves will take place this spring. We did not attempt to level the sod last fall, like we attempted in the fall of 2006, after coping with the rodent-damaged sod in the spring of 2007.

Cart Paths: We are looking into the possibility of installing cart paths on Championship 18 holes #1, 2, 3, 4 and 18. Budgets are being prepared and nothing has been decided for sure, but we will keep you updated as information becomes available.

Driving Range: Board member Doug Kauffman graciously researched our options to change the driving range fencing and, as it turns out, the process of change will be complicated and expensive. We have not given up and will continue to try and create a workable plan.

Tee Signage: The new tee signs with attached ball washers and trash cans will be installed this spring. We will install pavers under these tee sign complexes, but this work will, most likely, take most of the season to complete.

*Jon Heselwood, Toke Webster, Polly Webster, Lonnie Kincel, Tony Rinker, Jeff
McFarland,
Don Schlueter and Daryl Shaffer - Your Entire Golf Course Maintenance Crew*

*(continued from page 1)***Buffalo Hill Golf Club****Motor Cart Rules, Etiquette and Sanctions**

In order to promote the safety and enjoyment of the game of golf at Buffalo Hill Golf Club, all members and guests will observe the following:

- Maximum number of motor carts allowed for your group:
 - 1-2 players = 1 cart;
 - 3-4 players = 2 carts; and,
 - 5 players = 3 carts;
- In the absence of a cart path, keep all motor carts at least **30 yards** from greens and tees;
- For individuals with physical limitations, the following shall apply:
 - Motor carts, both private and rental, will be identified with a red and white Buffalo Hill Golf Club flag, obtained and approved through the Pro Shop;
 - Carts marked and identified by these flags, if necessary, may drive motor carts no closer than **10 yards** of tees and greens;
 - Please use physical limitations flag only when absolutely necessary, as carts may cause damage in these areas;
- When **“cart paths only”** rule is in effect, all motor carts, including those marked with physical limitations flags, must stay on the cart paths. No exceptions for any carts;
- Motor cart drivers must have a valid driver’s license to operate any private or rental motor cart;
- Maximum of two (2) riders per private or rental motor cart, regardless of age;
- Private motor cart owners must relay this information to all persons given permission to drive their motor carts.

The Kalispell Golf Association’s Board of Directors has authorized the Buffalo Hill staff to remove any player from the golf course for any behavior deemed inappropriate. Players so removed will be referred to the Grievance Committee for further evaluation and review.

In addition, sanctions for violations of above stated policies for any driver of a private or rental motor cart:

- First violation = verbal warning from Buffalo Hill Golf Club staff member;
- Second violation = written warning from Buffalo Hill Golf Club staff member;
- Third violation = letter to appear before Buffalo Hill Golf Club Grievance Committee.

Note: All motor carts must be operated in a safe and responsible manner, **reckless driving will not be tolerated and will result in immediate suspension of motor cart privileges.**

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Buffalo Hill Golf Club 2008 Fee Schedule

<i>Service</i>	<i>Price</i>
MEMBERSHIP SERVICES:	
Adult	\$599
Student (Full-Time College to age 24)	\$225
Junior (To Age 18)	\$140
MSGA Handicap Fee (League and Tournament Players MUST have an official MSGA Handicap). Juniors are FREE	\$20
Electric Cart Storage & Season Pass Trail Fee	\$385
Gas Cart Storage & Season Pass Trail Fee	\$350
Trail Fee (Required for all carts storage units and on site parking)	\$155
Range Season Pass (Available to Members Only)	\$50
Club Storage (Adult)	\$45
Club Storage (Student & Junior)	\$25
Lockers	\$15
OTHER GOLF RELATED SERVICES:	
Club Rental (9 Hole) / Premium Set	\$7 / \$15
Club Rental (18 Hole) / Premium Set	\$14 / \$25
Pull Cart Rental (9 Hole)	\$2
Pull Cart Rental (18 Hole)	\$4
Motor Cart Rental (9 Hole)	\$7.50 / \$15
Motor Cart Rental (18 Hole)	\$15 / \$30
Motor Cart Rental - 18 Hole Twilight	\$13 / \$26
Off Premise Trail Fee (Daily Rate)	\$15
GREENS FEES:	
18 Hole Championship (Subject to promotional changes and course condition)	\$50
18 Hole Championship Twilight (Times change with season, but generally 3:00 p.m.)	\$32
9 Hole Cameron	\$22
PUNCHCARDS: (No expiration date on unused cards)	
Golf Punchcard; 12 punches per card (1 punch for 9 holes and 2 punches for 18 holes)	\$195
Motor Cart - Season Pass (Best Deal)	\$600
Cart Punchcard; 10 punches per card	\$125

2008 Buffalo Hill Special Events

April

7, 14, 21 & 28 - Course maintenance until Noon*
 16, 23 & 30 - Free ladies clinics
 17 & 24 - Men's league
 29 - Ladies league

May

1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 - Men's league
 5 & 12 - Course maintenance until 11:30 a.m.*
 6, 13, 20 & 27 - Ladies league
 7, 14, 21 & 28 - Semitool league
 9 & 23 - Friday night mixer
 20 & 27 - Course maintenance until 11:30 a.m.*

June

1 - KOFI Charity Scramble
 2 - Championship 18 greens aerification all day
 3 - Cameron 9 greens aerification all day
 3, 10, 17 & 24 - Ladies league
 4, 11, 18 & 25 - Semitool league
 5, 12, 19 & 26 - Men's league
 9, 16, 23 & 30 - Course maintenance until 10:30 a.m.*
 13 & 27 - Friday night mixer
 17, 18, 19, 24 & 26 - Junior clinics
 25 - Ladies Invitational
 28 & 29 - KGA Club Championships

July

1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 - Ladies League
 2, 9, 16 & 23 - Semitool league
 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 - Men's league
 7, 14, 21 & 28 - Course maintenance until 10:30 a.m.*
 11, 18 & 25 - Free junior clinic
 11 & 18 - Friday night mixer

August

1 & 8 - Free junior clinic
 4, 18 & 25 - Course maintenance until 10:30 a.m.*
 5, 12 & 19 - Ladies league
 7 & 14 - Men's league
 8 & 22 - Friday night mixer
 9 - Alice Ritzman Junior Golf Auction & Fundraiser
 10 - Alice Ritzman Junior Golf Scramble
 11 - Western Montana Chapter PGA Pro-Am
 12 - Course maintenance until 10:30 a.m.*
 13 & 14 - KGA Junior Club Championships
 28 - Legends Tournament
 30 & 31 - 71st International Labor Day Tournament

September

1 - 71st International Labor Day Tournament
 2 - Course maintenance until 11:30 a.m.*
 7 - Cameron 9 greens aerification all day
 8 - Championship 18 greens aerification all day
 15, 22 & 29 - Course maintenance until 11:30 a.m.*
 21 - First Interstate Bank Charity Scramble
 26 - Kalispell/Whitefish High School Invitational
 28 - Prostate Cancer Awareness Scramble

October

5 - Cameron 9 backwards mixer
 6, 20 & 27 - Course maintenance until Noon*
 13 & 14 - Course maintenance both courses all day*

- CONTACTS -

Tuesday morning ladies - Carley Iverson 752-5485
 Tuesday night ladies - Marlin Hanson 756-4547
 Thursday men's league - Marlin Hanson 756-4547
 Friday night mixer - Pro Shop 756-4547
 Tournaments - Pro Shop 756-4547
 Food & Beverage - BJ Newgard 756-4551

***Course maintenance listed includes
 both the Cameron 9 and the Championship 18!!**

Chip Shots

More tee times available

Additional tee times will be available on weekends and holidays during the 2008 season.

In an effort to provide more tee times to members and guests, Buffalo Hill will open the golf course at 6 a.m. on weekends and holidays beginning May 17 and running through the end of July.

The weekend tee sheet in August begins at 6:30 a.m.

Tournament changes announced

In response to suggestions from tournament and non-tournament players, Buffalo Hill will be paring back its tournament calendar in 2008.

By reviewing the special events calendar on page 5, you will note that the KOFI Radio Charity Scramble and the First Interstate Bank Charity Scramble have been reduced to one-day events (on Sundays) and the Friday Night Mixers have been reduced to twice a month.

Effort has been made to maintain the quality of the events, but also open the golf course to more play by members and guests alike on weekends.

Fivesomes remain

The Kalispell Golf Association Board of Directors in February voted down a motion to eliminate fivesomes at Buffalo Hill.

The vote followed a letter from staff members and board member motion to eliminate fivesomes, citing course maintenance (unnecessary cart traffic and compaction), administration (booking tee times, first tee registration, efficient use of cart fleet and marshaling) and, member and guest perception (viewing fivesomes as an etiquette and pace of play problem).

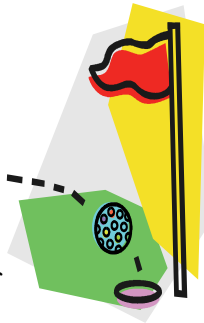
Following much discussion and information gathering during the winter, the board voted to keep fivesomes, but left the door open to revisit and possibly re-vote on the matter as new and more definitive information is brought forward.

New cart fleet arrives

Sure to catch your eye this spring is Buffalo Hill's new fleet of 70 rental carts. The white 2008 Yamahas include sweater baskets and split-folding windshields.

Correction

Our apologies to **Jose Chirino** for omitting his **hole-in-one during the Labor Day Tournament** on the Cameron Nine's challenging #4. A rare feat indeed!



It's your responsibility to check in

Buffalo Hill season pass holders are reminded that they must have their membership card scanned prior to every round. Simply provide your card to the starter or the Pro Shop.

The starter will be available daily from the first tee time to 2 p.m. (weather permitting) and the Pro Shop is open daily from the first tee time to sunset.

Free clinics for ladies

The Buffalo Hill professional staff once again will be offering three ladies clinics April 16, 23 and 30.

The clinics are free and will focus on putting, chipping or approach shots and full swing. PGA Professionals Dave Broeder and Marlin Hanson will provide the instruction which begins at 6 p.m. Clubs will be provided for those without equipment. Pre-registration is not necessary and questions may be directed to 756-4547 or 756-4553.

Spring Tune Up . . .

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Halfway House has new look

What started out 30 years ago as an equipment and fertilizer storage shed, as been changed into a very functional snack shack.

Thanks to Jon Heselwood and his crew, the new Halfway House, located near #10 tee on the Championship 18, will feature two doors for easy walk through convenience, new cabinets and counter tops, tiled floors and remodeled bathrooms. One of the new features will be self-service fountain pop.

Special thanks and appreciation to Randy & Wanda Hinzman, owners of Distinctive Countertops & Cabinetry for their VERY GENEROUS DONATION to this project. We also extend our sincere thanks to Randy's staff at Distinctive Countertops for all their professional knowledge and expertise.

Compared to previous years, the bathrooms will be smaller and the food service area will be bigger. The main area is much brighter, functional, and overall pleasing! "It all has been updated for your convenience."

As we mentioned in the fall newsletter, we had record sales at the Halfway House in 2007 and we hope these improvements will make 2008 an even better year.

BBQ another winter project

Don't miss our new barbecue facility on the west side of the clubhouse. The unit has been moved further away from the building to avoid smoke from gathering next to and even filtering into the clubhouse.

Jon and his crew were busy this winter fashioning a frame around the new grill and steam tables. With a larger grill surface and the ability to serve from both sides of the unit, we will be able to speed up food service for tournaments and special events. No more lines stretching out to the driving range!

In addition to tournaments, men's and ladies leagues, the barbecue will improve the service we can offer your class reunions, anniversary and birthday parties, wedding receptions, and any other specialty party you may have in mind. We're geared for your special events, so give us a call at 756-4546.

Weekend restaurant hours expand

Beginning in mid-May and running through August, the restaurant will be open earlier on weekends and holidays in conjunction with earlier tee times being planned for the golf course.

Weekends starting with May 17-18 and holidays beginning May 19th, the restaurant will open at 6 a.m. through July. In August, the restaurant opens at 6:30 a.m.

Use breakfast to energize that early morning round!

*BJ Newgard, Food & Beverage
Manager*

Deadline May 11 for Junior Achievement Award

Applications are now being accepted for the 14th Annual Kalispell Golf Association Junior Achievement Awards. Deadline for applications is May 11 and selections will be announced by May 18.

Depending on the number of applications, the KGA presents up to five awards. Each winner receives a season pass to Buffalo Hill in memory of past KGA members. Applications may be made by any youth, ages 7 to 18, or they may be nominated by another person. Applications must be submitted in writing (formal application not necessary), stating why the applicant should be considered for the award.

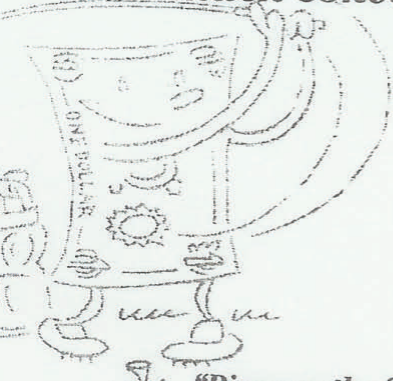
The Junior Achievement Award Selection Committee will focus on three areas to determine recipients:

- Scholastic achievement;
- Extracurricular activities;
- Leadership.


Vital information would be the applicant's or nominee's age, address and phone number. Special accomplishments, hardships and other considerations should be included in the application.

Application letters may be dropped off in the Pro Shop or Business office, or mailed to KGA, PO Box 1116, Kalispell, MT. 59903-1116. Winners in 2007 included Tanner Gordon, Michael Gordon and Rial Gunlikson, Jr.

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In this issue : KGA Annual Meeting announcement/agenda; early tee times on holidays and weekends; new motor cart policy; special events calendar; new motor cart fleet; and much more news!

President's Message . . .

There's a great book written recently, entitled "*Who Moved My Cheese?*" It's about accepting change in the world.

Well folks, this year you will see lots of changes at Buffalo Hill! They are all intended to make this a more wonderful place to be. Starting at the new entrance greeting everyone, to the new outdoor barbecue, new equipment inside, a new fleet of rental carts, to the new design at the Halfway House - no more "hot dog two-step." Just ask BJ, the whole crew has been busy all fall and winter.

We are spoiled. We are treated to 27 of the finest holes of golf in the Northwest and amenities you cannot find anywhere else. The price is right and if you have kids, this is the best choice for summer activities in the world.

We're not done yet either . . . we are constantly trying to use what little we have to create the most for all the members at Buffalo Hill.

If you are interested in finding out what projects your Kalispell Golf Association Board of Directors is working on, or if you have input on things you would like to see improved, make sure and attend the new Spring Meeting April 16th.

I hope everyone has a wonderful golf season!

*Don J Walter
KGA Board President*

Kalispell Golf Association

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