



Weekly E-News!

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Monday, July 5, 2010

Good morning members and golfers!

We hope this finds you enjoying a safe and fun 4th of July weekend with friends and family! Temperatures haven't been ideal, but good enough to enjoy golf and the beautiful scenery around us! The golf course should be very busy as we begin our summer season. The tee sheet is free of any tournaments until the end of July, so be sure to take advantage of the available tee times!

You may have noticed a few "mad marks" on greens. Everybody gets a bit upset at a missed putt, but please, do not take it out on the green. If you ever witness a golfer causing damage to the golf course, please help out the entire membership by reporting it immediately to management. Your name will remain anonymous.

Have a great week playing golf at the best course in the Flathead Valley!

Steve Dunfee, General Manager

From your Board of Directors

Help!...Your club needs your support!

Your golf course opened early this year but unfortunately, the wet spring has added a bit more of a challenge to make ends meet. Your staff and grounds crew work tirelessly to make Buffalo Hills what it is. While membership remains nearly the same as last year, the wet spring dampens what could have been additional revenue for your club. Please stop by for lunch, purchase your beverages from the golf course and most of all, invite your friends to enjoy all that Buffalo Hill has to offer.

Let's face it folks, times are tough out there, and it doesn't look as though things are going to

change anytime soon. The strain can be seen in the faces of those around you, but we must remember, this economic downturn will not last forever, and it is now that the true nature of others and ourselves can be seen.

I know the vast majority of our members have only the best intentions for our club and our community, but when someone does a “drive-by” shouting expletives at our crews who work VERY hard for this club, something has to be done. This is only one example of several incidents that have happened this year between members and crews, as well as between members and members.

Tempers are short and most can understand the tension of our times, however that does not become an excuse to abuse and miss-treat our staff, our golf course, and our fellow members. It is times like now that make a community and defines that community.

As a community, golfers have always been in a league all their own. It is the only sport where we call penalties on ourselves and are largely left to play in an honorable way. This is what defines us and should not be allowed to be tarnished or die like it has in so many of our sports and activities, it should not be allowed to become our way here at Buffalo Hill.

The management of the KGA will address incidents, and your board supports that management. If you have a difference of opinion and wish to voice that opinion, there are venues to utilize. Speak honestly and openly to your staff, board members, and management. I assure you, they are good people, just like you, trying to do their best.

Support your club the best that you can and remember... **we are all in this together!**

Thank you in advance as we ask that all our members share in the responsibility of making Buffalo Hill a “great place to play” - let's all do our part.

Sincerely,

KGA Board of Directors

Doug Kauffman, Jess Carrillo, Ric Reed, Ryan Buls, Eric Smith, Sandy Mundahl, Todd Erickson,
Darold Schaffer, Mark Lalum

From the Golf Course

Backfilling: We will attempt to get the newly paved cart path on #18 backfilled and seeded this week.

A Little Progress: We found a little time to spray most of the noxious weeds throughout the course last week, and hope to try and finish this week.

We Wonder: We wonder how good the Buffalo Hill would be if we didn't have to go through the winter?

D Ranged: A semi-new plan for the **driving range**, which is a composite of many good ideas from several individuals, is now being looked at to estimate the construction costs. This plan does not include nets, and re-routes the Cameron as minimally as possible. More info as it becomes available.

Jon Heselwood - Golf Course Superintendent

From the Golf Shop

We hope everyone had a safe, enjoyable Fourth of July holiday weekend that included a few holes of golf here at BHGC!!

Well the tournament front has quieted down for the next couple of weeks. We still have the league play going, but our next major event will be the **MT Governor's Cup on July 30th & 31st**. After that our next events are the **BHGC Junior Club Championships, August 4th & 5th**, the **Alice Ritzman Junior Golf Fundraiser Scramble on August 8th** and the **WMCPGA Pro-am on August 9th**. It doesn't seem like we should be talking about August tournaments already, but here we are!! Be sure and check out the BHGC website or the clubhouse for entry forms.

Matches are continuing in the **First Annual Match Play Shootout** tournament. Great fun and great competition, check out how the teams are doing on the master scoreboard posted on the Pro Shop windows.

Our next "**Outdoor Sale**" will be held on **Friday, July 16th & Saturday, July 17th**. Be sure and mark your calendar for this major savings event. We will have a little bit of everything **on sale at up to 70% OFF**, so don't miss out!

Tip of the week:

Start your swing correctly by making a smooth swinging backswing. Most poor swings are because of a poor backswing, make your backswings better by swinging the club into the air instead of lifting the club into the air. When we lift the club the body stops rotating and we don't get a proper weight shift, thus losing power. By swinging the club into the air not only do we get a more powerful weight shift, our tempo is smoother and we have much more consistency. Give it a try and see if you don't hit the ball better!

Dave, Marlin & Mike
BHGC Professional Staff

From the Food & Beverage Department

Free Lunch: This Week's Winner of the Free Lunch @ Buffalo Hill is **Todd Kitch**.
Congratulations Todd!! You can be a winner to....just ask your wait staff how!

Ladies League Menu: Broiled Chicken Breast along with Jim's Salad Bar. Enjoy Ladies!

Men's League Menu: **CHANGE IT UP PEDRO!!!** *We're going to try something new this week. Some of you have requested that we offer some different Entree's for Men's League, so this Thursday we will be serving a Mexican Buffett. Yes!! There will be Shredded Beef, Chicken Enchiladas, Black Bean Salad, Cilantro Fruit Salad, Taco Salad Ingredients & Sopaipillas.*

Special Events: Friday, July 9th the Class of 1970 from Flathead High will be holding their Class Reunion Registration & Social at the Clubhouse.

Happy Hour: Monday, Wednesday & Saturday from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM Domestic Drafts \$1.00, \$5.00 Domestic Pitchers & \$2.00 Domestic Beer & Well Drinks. Join us!!!

As always we're looking forward to seeing you at Buffalo Hill,

B J Newgard & Your Food & Beverage Staff

RESTAURANT HOURS:

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

TUESDAY & THURSDAY 9:00 AM-9:00 PM

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 8:00 AM-3:00 PM

(BAR MENU AVAILABLE AFTER HOURS)

Private Parties Available Monday – Sunday, ANYTIME!

Reminders:

- Remember to keep your charge account current. Most statements are e-mailed, so be sure to keep an eye out at the beginning of each month. Call Stacy in the main office if you need a copy or would like to sign up for e-statements.

- BHGC and the **Flathead Community Foundation** have teamed up to make **charitable gifts to Buffalo Hill tax deductible and eligible for the Montana tax credit!** To all our members who are CPA's, CFP's, financial advisors, or investment professionals, please keep the Flathead Community Foundation (FCF) in mind when tax planning for your clients. **Anybody can donate...**If you'd like to meet to discuss charitable gift giving through the FCF, please feel free to give Steve Dunfee a call at 756-4549, or stop by the clubhouse for a visit.
- www.golfbuffalohill.com for most anything you're looking for related to BHGC.
- Please, we do allow fivesomes, **but not six or more....thank you.**
- Thank you for taking the **minimum number of carts per group** - we appreciate your help.
- Thank you for using the sand and seed and replacing your divots and ball marks - it sure helps course conditions and playability for others!
- **Your eyes help us!** Please call the pro shop if you see misconduct on the golf course. We've had several calls this year resulting in quick action and remedy to the problem - most involving sixsomes, and yes, believe it or not, even an eightsome!!
- If you'd like to consider a donation to complete the construction of the **Hall of Fame/Memorial trophy case**, please call Steve Dunfee at 756-4549. We appreciate any donation for this cause.



#18 Champ.



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Thank you for taking care of beautiful Buffalo Hill Golf Course!