



## *Weekly E-News!*

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**Monday, June 6, 2011**

Good morning!

What a fabulous weekend here at BHGC! It's so encouraging to see so many golfers having fun and enjoying friends and family out on the golf course. As you can imagine, it's time we begin "catching up" from the cool, wet spring that the Flathead has experienced the past couple of months. Bring on the summer temperatures - we're all ready for it!

Thank you to all members who have commented so positively on the Cameron 9! We're thrilled it meets your approval. #1 Cameron is "evolving" before our eyes, and with the last batch of trees that Jon and the crew planted, you can really get a sense of how it's all coming together!

Now, as for the **NEW DRIVING RANGE/PRACTICE FACILITY...ARE YOU READY??!!** It's getting closer each and every day! How fun it's been to be a part of huge project! The entire BHGC membership and golfing community shares the **EXCITEMENT** for our **GRAND OPENING**, which looks like mid-July.

Have a splendid week and enjoy the great game of golf at Buffalo Hill!

*Stephen C. Dunfee, General Manager*

### **EROSION UPDATE**

We continue to monitor the priority areas (#7 tee and green) on a daily basis. Solutions require engineering and regulatory approval by the DEQ, DNRC, FWP, and COE. In addition, funding remains a serious challenge as work behind #7 green totaled \$128,000, plus the cost of repairs that will take place this summer or fall. The area behind #7 tee is a separate project, but the lineal footage along the riverbank is similar in size (254'). If you have any ideas or suggestions, please let us know, we're all ears!

***Q: Can the City, KGA, and regulatory agencies get together and discuss bank***

*stabilization and mitigation solutions?*

**A:** Yes, this is being done, and has been for the past 14 months. Mitigation is now a Corps of Engineer (COE) rule. A growing issue is the concept that rivers normally migrate and they should be allowed to do so. This concept leads to an opinion that bank stabilization should not be undertaken, but rather the "assets" should be moved out of the meander belt for any given stream. This idea has led to Channel Migration Zone studies that are being undertaken throughout the State and have been completed for the lower Flathead.

The agencies will permit bank stabilization, (even with rip-rap) but mitigation is required at this point, which is extremely expensive.

The general guidance from the COE describing mitigation procedure is available in PDF format (57 pages) if anybody would like to review the document. Please contact me [steved@golfbuffalohill.com](mailto:steved@golfbuffalohill.com) and I'll be happy to send you the PDF via e-mail or hard copy.

*Steve Dunfee, General Manager*

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***Buffalo Hill Golf Club "Community Comments"***

**Q: *When will the driving range be open?* - Paul Kusler, BHGC Member**

**A:** With irrigation and target greens nearly completed, and about a weeks worth of work to finish all the details, we should be ready to lay sod next week. Our best guess is that we're shooting for July 15 to open the range. Spread the word!

**Q: *How much are we charging for range passes? Buckets of balls?* - BHGC Members**

**A:** The KGA Board of Directors recognize that the season will be about half over when the range opens, as such, **fees reflect an adjustment for "half season"** as follows: (LOWEST in the Flathead Valley!!).

- BHGC adult members: **Only** \$100!
- Students and juniors: **Only** \$75!
- Non-Members: **Only** \$150!
- Bucket prices: Regular: **Only** \$4 Large: \$6

The above information is also posted on our website [www.golfbuffalohill.com](http://www.golfbuffalohill.com).

***"We want to hear from you! If you have any thoughts or comments you'd like to share in Community Comments, please e-mail to [office@golfbuffalohill.com](mailto:office@golfbuffalohill.com), or drop by the main***

*office or pro shop.*

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## ***From the Golf Course Superintendent***

**Bunker Blow Out:** Just when you think the flooding is going to recede, we have an irrigation break on #6 Champ green that washes out the bunker and floods the area as badly as river water did. And we weren't even watering that night. Just a PVC failure. We will try to fix it this week.

**De Bagging:** We would like to begin to remove the sand bags, but the constant rain and river forecasts of doom have given us pause. It sure seems like the worst is over, but we will wait another week or so before we pull the sand bags.

**Weeds:** We will be spraying weeds once again this Monday. Jim was able to spray about 30 acres on the Cameron last Monday, and we hope he can make similar progress every Monday as he moves onto the champ.

**Erosion:** No progress to report at this time other than more erosion.

**Mudder:** We continue to persevere on the driving range. Every other day, it seems to rain a half an inch making progress difficult. Irrigation work is at a standstill until it get drier. Final shaping is also being delayed. We have many of the trees planted, but need another few days of nice weather to finish planting.

**Seeding:** We are not optimistic that the weather will allow us to seed the damaged greens, but if we get rained out on the driving range, we may try force it on 7 Cameron, #3 champ and #4 champ.

*Jon Heselwood, Golf Course Superintendent*

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## ***From the Golf Shop***

What a great weekend we had here at BHGC, beautiful weather and golfers to enjoy it! Both the Champ 18 and the Cameron 9 were busy with players, members and nonmembers alike. We are very happy to be hearing so many good compliments about the new Cameron 9. Fun and challenging, all in under two hours is a good thing!

**Tournament reminders:**

**\*The KOFI Charity Scramble** entry deadline is Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Be sure and get your team entered for this annual classic event. Great fun in a four person scramble format with proceeds going to support the UNITED WAY of Flathead County. Entry forms are available online at the BHGC website [www.golfbuffalohill.com](http://www.golfbuffalohill.com) or at the clubhouse.

**\*The Two Person Match play Shootout** has begun. The brackets are posted in the Pro Shop window, with the first round matches listed. If you have a team entered, please contact your opponents to arrange your match. Remember first round matches need to be completed by June 19<sup>th</sup>. Good luck to everyone in their matches!

**\*The BHGC Junior Clinics** are slated to begin on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. This is a five day program that gives junior golfers, aged 6 thru 17, the opportunity to learn short game, full swing and etiquette. Instruction covers the first four days and the fifth day features skills contests, trophies for winners, plus tee shirts and lunch for all participants. The cost of the entire five day program is \$25 per junior. Registration forms are available at the BHGC website or at the clubhouse.

**FREE LADIES CLINIC on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>** @ 6:00pm. It is part of the "Women's Golf Month" through the PGA and the Play Golf America promotion.

Participants can register online at the Play Golf America website [www.playgolfamerica.com](http://www.playgolfamerica.com) or here at BHGC the day of the event.

**\*The KGA Ladies Invitational** is on Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Ladies be sure and support your association by signing up to play in this fun 18 hole stroke play event. Both a continental breakfast and lunch, along with many great prizes are part of this annual event.

**\*The KGA Club Championships** are fast approaching. Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> are the dates of this tradition. Be sure to sign up to see if this is your year to become a "club champion" in your handicap division. Remember this event features both a regular and senior division (50 & older) in each of the flights. Entry forms are available online or at the clubhouse.

**The new practice range** is progressing more and more each day! Be sure and watch out for our "GRAND OPENING" of this awesome addition to BHGC. Season range passes for the remainder of the 2011 season are now available. Be ready to practice all you want with this great deal!

See you on the course,

***Dave Broeder PGA Pro, Marlin Hanson PGA Pro & Mike Hanson Apprentice PGA Pro***

*BHGC Professional Staff*

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## *From the Food & Beverage Department*

### **Free Lunch:**

- *The lucky winner of this week's free lunch at Buffalo Hill is **Rick Cunningham**. Congratulations Rick and we're looking forward to seeing you soon for your free lunch. All you have to do is drop your business card in the jar on the bar and you too could win a free lunch at Buffalo Hill.*

### **Another New Draft Beer Offered:**

- ***One of our members suggested we try Sierra Nevada Pale Ale on draft**, so this coming week we are happy to announce that Sierra Nevada Pale Ale is going to be introduced at Buffalo Hill. Be sure and try one after your next round of golf or you are in the need of a cool one after a hard day at work. As I stated last week, if there is a beer on the market you would like us try, just say something to BJ or one of the bartenders and we'll try our best to offer it on tap.*

### **Men's & Ladies League Menus:**

- *It is going to "**Oriental Night**" for both the ladies & men's league this week. Jim will be serving Stir Fried Chicken, Sweet and Sour Pork, Egg Rolls w/hot Chinese mustard, Oriental Rice and a selection of salads.*

### **Meals for the "KOFI Charity Scramble":**

- *Gather up your team and come on up to the Clubhouse for a "**Team Breakfast**" before you tee off. Breakfast is available on Sunday, June 12 starting at 7:00 AM.*
- *A **BBQ Lunch will be served starting at 11:00 AM**. The players in the early shotgun will eat after their round and the players in the later shotgun will be able to eat before their round. Guests are welcome!!!!*

### **Beverage Cart:**

- *Waiting on the golf course to dry out....we hope to have the beverage cart in service by this weekend. Thank you for your patience.*

*We're looking forward to serving you at Buffalo Hill,*

*B J Newgard & Your Food & Beverage Staff*

**RESTAURANT HOURS:**  
**MONDAY-FRIDAY 9 AM-3 PM**  
**SATURDAY & SUNDAY 8 AM-3 PM**

**From Allpro Sales and Service**

Thank you to all BHGC members for your business this spring! Allpro Sales and Service is proud to serve the Buffalo Hill membership and Flathead Valley. Remember, the key to avoiding major maintenance and expensive repairs on your golf car is periodic, scheduled service! We're here to help you prolong the life of your golf car! We also sell ALL ACCEESSORIES including storage covers, hard shell enclosures, beverage caddies, club cleaners, wheel covers, and any other accessory for golf cars!

Thinking about a replacement golf car? We sell new, used, and reconditioned golf cars on site at Buffalo Hill Golf Course. Priced right, deep discounts, and service along with the sale, we have a great selection on hand!

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GARY CLARK

**Gary Clark, Owner**

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**#18 Champ.**



**# 12**

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

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