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New Trial Members



Nick Conte, the son of member Annie Conte, is going to give a trial membership a go.

Greg Danforth came to us through Eric Johnson his co worker. Gregg loves golf and is finding it fun to play with his kids who are slowly getting into the game.





Matthew Kredell joined us on Father's Day. He also was out playing with his family including kids who are just now getting into golf.



David Enslow has been playing the course during the summer for years and his kids are now old enough to go out and enjoy golf with him as well. David was the 3rd new Trial member who signed up on Father's Day.



Finally, we have a new Three Month Seasonal Member Matt Koepp. He is enjoying golf for three months while he considers whether to join as a full member.

Around the Course



From an article entitled Turfgrass Diseases: Brown Ring Patch (Casual Fugus: Waitea Circinata var. Circinata) by Peter Landschoot, Ph.D a Former Professor of Turfgrass Science at Penn State, "Brown ring patch is caused by the fungus *Waitea circinata* var. *circinata*, a species closely related to the causal pathogens of brown patch and yellow patch diseases. This disease produces yellow circular patches, similar in appearance to summer patch and necrotic ring spot. Brown ring patch has been in the United States since at least 2007, and perhaps as early as 2003, and only limited information is available on cultural and chemical control measures."

According to Wilbur Ellis, many golf courses in the region are currently afflicted with Waitea, including our greens. This was identified earlier in June by Benni and she has already applied two treatments to resolve this issue. Waitea comes on in late spring and early summer when humidity levels are high. Certainly, the warm weather we experienced in June helped its growth. Greens are rarely affected by Waitea in late summer or fall. Benni expects the treatments to work and clear up the problem in the coming weeks.

Twilight June 14th



Knowing Mary had us covered for dinner and not totally sure how the game was going to be received, 21 golfers came out in the Sunday heat for a Water Feature Step Aside Scramble. Teams of three meant lots of chances for everyone to get in some swings. The unknown factor of the game was having closest to the pond on 3, 4 and 9 assist that person's team with strokes taken off the final score.

This became the best advantage for the overall 3rd place team (featured on our cover) who were able to take three strokes off their final score and jump from 6th place to 3rd.

Below we see the first place team who also skipped ahead of the second place team with a closest to the # 9 pond shot from Lauren allowing for 4 strokes to be removed.

1st place with a over all score of 32 was Rob Nou, Lauren Stephens and Pat Chevara.

2nd place with an overall score of 35 was Vaughan Williams, Brian and



Nancy Lynch.

In 3rd place, being able to take 3 strokes of their score with a total of 38, were Chris Dern, Asha Lela and Jim Smith.

Mary Ellener's meatloaf dinner with twice baked potatoes and green beans with an ice cream and biscotti cookie dessert was delicious and well received. Finally, a healthy \$260 donation went into the social fund.

June 28th Twilight

Hosts Mary Pederson and Agnes Govern were excited to introduce the return of the string game for this late June Twilight. It was perfect weather and we had 25 players strategizing when they should cut off some string to improve a lie. The



additional caveat to the game was the team who brought back the most string would have points taken off their final score. In the end, this did not make a difference to the winning teams.

Thanks to a food donation from Mary and Agnes and the return of prize monies to the club a generous donation of \$508 went into our social fund.

June 28th Twilight



First place finishers were Rob Nou (not in photo) Steve Levy, Bev Smith and Dennis Egan. Bev Smith was also closest to the pin on 4 and 8, and Steve Levy closest to the pin on 8. Rob was closest to the pin on 4. All those good shots might be why this team did so well.

2nd place was Jodie Charter, Ron Metcalf, Bob Gerfy and Bert Bates.

3rd Place team was Nancy Klein, Marc Kretschmer, Jim Gates and Margy Marshall.



Swinomish Yacht Club



Swinomish Yacht Club has been visiting the Lopez Island Golf Club for many years. This year they had 36 participants for their annual Tournament. Many of the members of Swinomish came out a day early to enjoy our course and during the tournament all rental cars and pull carts and many sets of clubs were rented. This gave the club a really good boost to our budget during what could still be considered pre-season play at the Lopez Island Golf Club.

Work Day



Weed eating around the ponds is a monthly event that helps many find their errant balls.



Rob and Lottie helped Mark with irrigation.



Mark Reisinger, our irrigation specialist, keeps the water flowing to the greens, tee boxes and fairways.

Work Day



Wayne and Benni worked on cleaning up the sweepings of pine cones and pine needles on the course. Pine cones and needles create a forever job that keeps getting bigger every year as the pine trees grow.



Work Day



Lynn and Bob Hall are our willing garbage and recycling on the course collectors.



Tracey Locke and Bev Smith were the hosts of the work day and from the looks of this shot they provided lots of delicious food and snacks for the workers. Ron Metcalf (L) and Margy-worked on bunkers; Curt Bonelli did some weed eating around.



Not photographed, but definitely working hard were Margy Marshall, Ken Kortge, Pam Stewart and Agnes Govern.

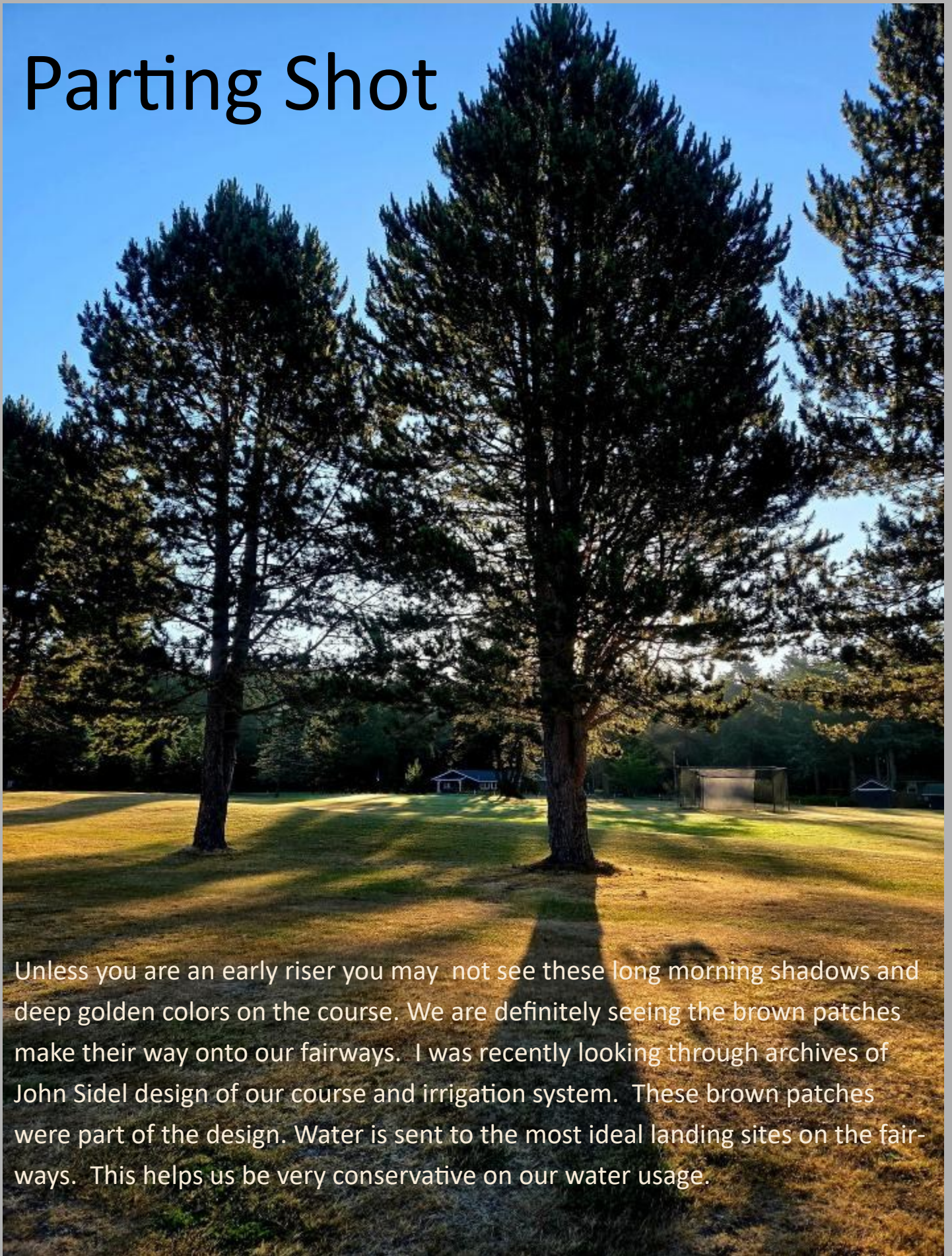


First Ever Dennis Mattson Memorial Golf Tournament



After spending the weekend celebrating Dennis Mattson's birthday, this foursome including (L-R) Dennis's grandson Chase , son Jeff, friend Allen Beeman and friend and neighbor Gary Hall came out to enjoy some Sunday golf. They deemed their game the Dennis Mattson Memorial Golf Tournament. Seems like this could be an annual event...

Parting Shot



Unless you are an early riser you may not see these long morning shadows and deep golden colors on the course. We are definitely seeing the brown patches make their way onto our fairways. I was recently looking through archives of John Sidel design of our course and irrigation system. These brown patches were part of the design. Water is sent to the most ideal landing sites on the fairways. This helps us be very conservative on our water usage.

Mark Your July Calendars

4th **Fourth of July 250 years!** *We expect lots of golfers except during parade time (11– 1)*



12th Twilight **Looking for hosts. Could be a potluck.**

25th PAC Tournament *(course closed)*

26th Twilight “Honoring our Golf Club Founders”

29th Work Day 9-12

31st Sahalie Ski Club *10– noon course closed*



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