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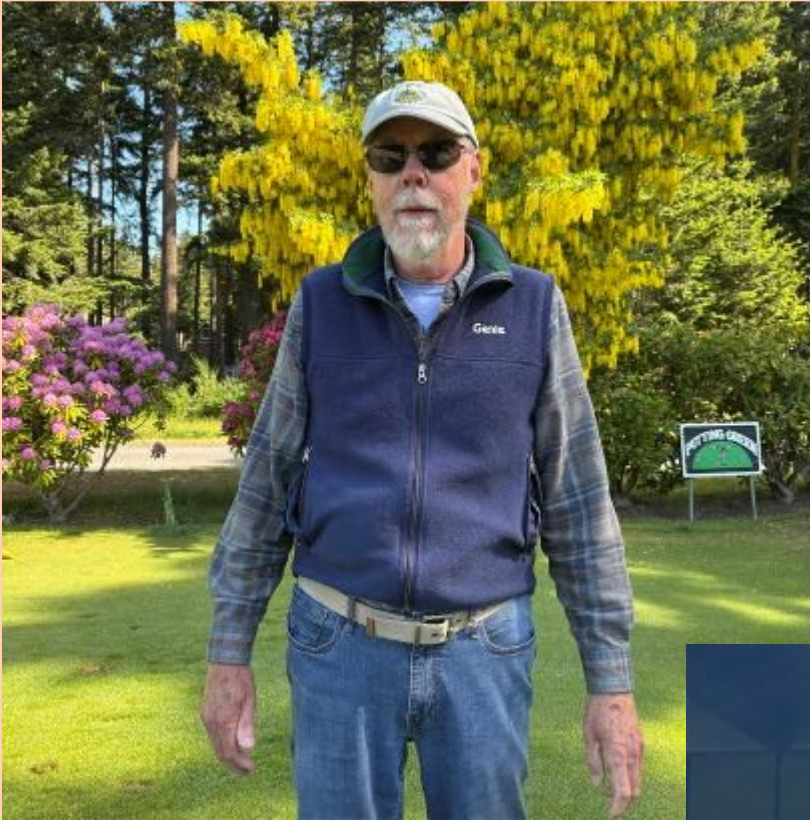
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Carole and Bill White run the plug picker-upper during Work Day. Lots of helping hands made the big job of plugging the greens go smoothly this year. Thank you to all who came out to lend a needed hand.

Let's Welcome New Trial Members



Ken Kortge

Many of you may know Ken from the many local videos he has made. He is going to help us create some unique videos of our beautifully maintained course.

Conner Arndt

Conner is a young, avid golfer who inspired the new Lopez League punch cards. Give both of these new Trial members a wave if you see them out enjoying golf.



Let's Welcome New Trial Members

Jeff Bickle

Jeff would play golf every day if his schedule allowed. He took advantage of a creative payment option arranged for him. Now he is enjoying the benefits of membership in the club, including discounts on rental carts, pull carts for free and unlimited rounds of golf.



Pierce

Buckingham is excited to join the club and get in on all the golf fun. He has already made new friends out on the course and plans to play when ever he has time.

New Certificate Member



Risto Turunen

If we had legacy memberships Risto would be a prime candidate. Risto is the grandson of former members Dick and Barbara Pickering, and the son of Esa Turunen. Risto is a natural fit in our club and we are happy to welcome him.

Club Activities



Our first golf game and dinner of the season was a big success. Mary and Ray Ellener were our hosts. If you were slightly frustrated by the game, we know you might not enjoy thinking out of the box. This game took some real game planning to do well.

Players were challenged with having to use the same club from the tee box all the way to the greens, at which point they could use their putters. It took teams a few holes to figure out a strategy so that everyone did not have their driver when it came to chipping to the green. The winning team was only one point over the next two teams who tied for second place. This was also our memorial and new member dinner. Although we did not have any new members join us, we had a lot to say in memory of those we have lost over the last year, members who were very impactful for the club over the years. Those we have lost are Mary Brown, Dennis Mattson, Russ Johnson, Ian Lange, Rich Schwarz, Don Linville, Ralph Bladt, Jeanne Budlong and Norma Brimmer

This Twilight brought in a generous donation of \$305 to the social fund from the Elleners. Thank you!



Club Activities



Having fun was the name of the game as seen on the smiles of this team. From left to right: Benni Snoer, Larry Meurk, Nancy Klein and Brian Lynch.

Below, Bob Hall takes his turn on the green under his teammates' watchful eyes.



Help us fill our dance card. We have openings left for Twilight and Work Day hosts. Contact Jodie if interested.

DATE/TIME	DAY	EVENT (Board Member)	COORDINATORS
March 25 9 am	Wed.	Workday	Suzi and Scott Jennings
April 19 10 am	Sun.	Soggy Bottom	Vaughan Williams
April 29 9 am	Wed.	Workday	Jodie and Mary E.
May 17 4 pm	Sun.	Twilight Scramble (Spring Meeting at 3 pm) New Member/Memorial Party	Mary and Ray Ellener
May 27 9 am	Wed.	Workday	Jodie and Mary E.
May 31 4 pm	Sun.	Twilight Scramble	Cancelled
June 14 4 pm	Sun.	Twilight Scramble	
June 24 9 am	Wed.	Workday	
June 28 4 pm	Sun.	Twilight Scramble	Agnes and Mary
July 12 4 pm	Sun.	Twilight Scramble	
July 26 4 pm	Sun.	Twilight Scramble	Ray and Mary Ellener
July 29 9 am	Wed.	Workday	Julie and Stewie
Aug. 9 4 pm	Sun.	Twilight Scramble	Steve Levy Family
Aug. 23 4 pm	Sun.	CC Party (potluck appetizers)	
Aug. 26 9 am	Wed.	Workday	
Sept. 7 1 pm	Mon.	Horse Race	Kit and Charleen
Sept. 20 12 pm	Sun.	K&Q Tournament/ Awards dinner	Board
Sept. 20 3 pm	Sun.	Twilight Scramble	
Sept. 30 9 am	Wed.	Work Day	
Oct. 28 9 am	Wed.	Workday	Jeff and Lorena Daggett

AROUND THE COURSE



Rolling has begun. Once we turn on the irrigation, we pull out the roller and “crab roll” our way around the course. Rolling happens once a week, typically on Mondays, making the greens smooth and ready for the players Tuesday morning. If you happen to be out playing on Monday morning and see the roller on the move, see if you notice a difference in the greens that have and have not been rolled.

Never a dull moment as a greenskeeper!

Here we see the crew dealing with a mystery leak at one of the control boxes and the fourth green is getting its weekly rolling. Fairway mowing was likely happening prior to the leak being discovered, as we can see the mower parked in the background. Our course couldn't look this good with out all this work. Next time you see the greenskeepers, thank them.



When a tree falls on the golf course does it make a sound?

Hard to say when it happens at night, or in the case of this native pine, during a rainstorm.

Pine trees are especially fun to clean up because the branches become entangled, and in this case



are mostly under the trunk of the tree.

With saws and limited time the crew pecked away at this and now we have a stack of firewood available for members.



Work Day Plugging

It has been a few years since we have plugged the greens. The past few years, weather and a lack of workers have prevented this necessary task. Plugging has many moving parts including, having old machinery up and working, lots of hands to help since it has many steps, greens in just the right condition and hopefully a sunny day. Fingers stay crossed that problems are easily solved. This year we are plugging with smaller tines, hoping this will not require the need to sweep sand into the holes. The smaller tines should allow for a quicker recovery time and ultimately fewer man hours to complete the task. Prior to plugging there are still steps that need to happen. There needs to be an exact



amount of water on the greens days prior to the beginning of the process. Benni keeps an eye on the conditions of the greens leading up to plugging day, adding a little more water here, a little less water there.

Above we see many of the steps needed to make this happen. On the far right in the white hat, Gregg Hamilton, is pulling the plugger along. Even though he is facing the plugger he is walking backwards as the tines are opposite the handles which he has a hold of. Chris Dern, Shaun Chappell, Jeff Hanks, and Benni Snoer are using rakes to pull the plugs into a tight line for the plug picker-upper to scoop more easily. The plug picker-upper is being run by Bill White, with Carole adjusting the load in the back with her small rake.

The plugs that are picked up are collected and used to fill in holes and low points on the course. After the picker-upper cleans what it can from the green, the blowers come out and remove as much of the left-over plug remnants off the greens. The greens are mown again, and the roller comes along afterwards to make it all smooth.

The next day after the morning mow, Benni treats the greens and the process is complete.

In the past when larger tines were use and larger holes were left; we needed a crew to then brush the sand in with brooms. This delayed the mowing, rolling, and watering by a few days. This new process had folks out playing later that afternoon.

Work Day Irrigation

There was an obvious leak happening between the sixth and fourth greens. The box in the photo in the lower right corner had a lot going on. Once the leak was identified on one of the pipes, fixing it became problematic due to the constraints of the box



and the available space to repair. After a few failed attempts, the team spread apart the pipe's old configuration and reassembled it out of the



box. You can see the repair in the photo to the right. Next steps are to carefully refill the hole with sand and add new valve boxes.



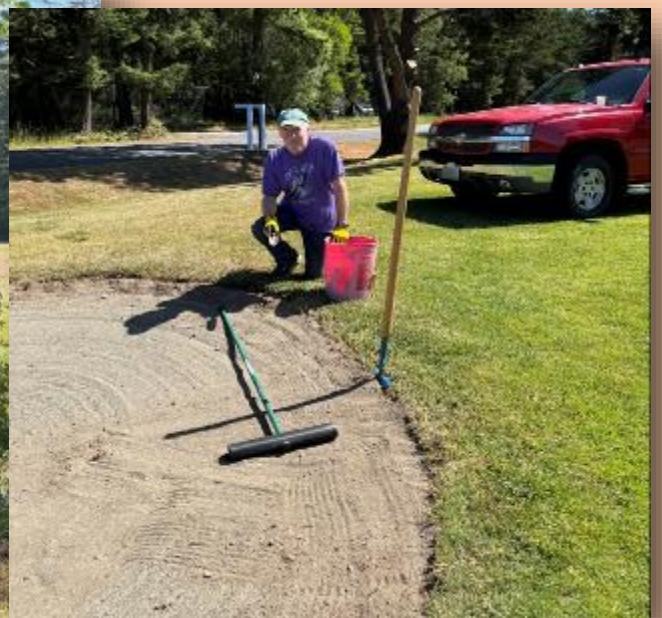
Along with plugging other work also got done. Jim Smith and Agnes worked to limb lower alder branches. Agnes also worked on blackberry vines creeping through the fencing. Stewie weeded her adopted 4th tee box and removed invasive Tansy Ragwort near the number 4 pond. Tom Cowan worked on bunkers and



cleaned gunky water from the ball washers. Not photographed but also working were Ken Kortge on bunkers and Bob Hall who collected all the garbage and recycling from the course and sorted it out. ***Special thanks to the irrigation crew and the pluggers who stayed with their jobs until they were done, which was well beyond lunch time.***

Irrigation Crew : Mark Reisinger, John Rogers, John Quickstad and Norm Harris.

Plugging Crew: Gregg Hamilton, Jeff Hanks, Chris Dern, Bill White, Carole White, Curt Bonelli, Rob Nou, Nancy Klein, Benni Snoer and Shaun Chappell.



Parting Shot...



Steve Levy doing his best impression of a golf bag during the Twilight on May 17th.

Mark Your June Calendars

June 13 Course Closed for Private Event 10:00 AM —1:00 PM. Swinomish Yacht Club will be using our course . *Play early or late to avoid them.*

June 14 Twilight Golf Game and Dinner

June 21 Father's Day

June 24 Work Day

June 28 Twilight Golf Game and Dinner



Lottie takes a break from the sun and enjoys a cushioned seat as she waits for Rob Nou to hit his ball on the number five fairway.



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