



NEWSLETTER

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Do you know who made the first Hole-in-One at Salem Golf and Country Club?

Answer on Page 4 !



A Letter From the President.....

Dear Fellow Members;

As we begin our transition into the autumn season, we (*the Board of Directors*) hope that you've all had a wonderful summer. As stewards of your club, we do our best to maintain the club's facilities with your membership dollars. Let's face it; dollars go a lot less far today than at any time in recent memory. Our club was not only founded but sustained on the generous donation of time and money by its members. We're most grateful for and recipients of their selfless charity. In recent years we seemed to have lost much of that volunteer spirit on a wide front amid the busy schedules that seem to fragment our time and attention. The board has done some soul searching and believes

we're in the best position to take leadership on this front.

The greatest wealth of any organization is found in the talent and skills of its members. We plan to identify projects that need completed, make available the material(s) to complete them and then post the project on the board in front of the club for members to adopt. It's our hope this communication will garner the proper skills from the many talents within our membership and we'll gain some traction on giving the club a much needed facelift.

The expenditure of our human capital can go a long way in keeping our member dues at the premium value they have been for so many years.

Please keep an eye on the bulletin board for projects that fit your skill set and recruit some of your fellow members to adopt a project together and though you may not want to be recognized for it – don't be upset if we do. Together, we can make it work.

Best regards,

Mike Elliott
President of the Board of Directors



We want to hear from YOU !

Golf stories and club history make for very interesting reading. If you have a story about our club, our members or even a golf story to warm the heart, we would love to publish it. Maybe you have a golf tip that you found to really help your game....please, send it in. If you have an old photo of club history, club parties or tournaments, please share it.

*PLAYING OUT OF
TALL ROUGH*



If you have played much golf this year at all, chances are you might have hit a wayward shot and landed in one of our new tall grass areas located throughout the course. If so, you may need some direction in how you play the shot.

These tall grassy areas throughout the course are not deemed "Hazard Areas". Basically, you have three options if you land in those areas. Let's review them: **Option 1-** You find your ball and decide you can play it as it lies. You may hit your shot with no penalty stroke and play on. **Option 2-** You find your ball however, you do not feel you can hit it. You may drop a ball in the line of flight no closer to the hole and assess a one stroke penalty for an unplayable lie. **Option 3-** You cannot find your ball and deem it lost. You must play a ball under penalty of one stroke as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played. (Rule 27-1)

NIGHT GOLF A BIG HIT (& MISS)

On the evening of August 31st, a daytime fun scramble and night golf tournament was played by 14 teams made up of members and guests. Great food and fellowship was enjoyed by all. I hear there were many great shots and a few "missed" shots, however, nobody could see the missed shots after dark ! Congratulations to two teams who tied for First

Place in the tournament. The two teams are the group of Andrew Curley, Stewart Carmier, John Gibbs and Marty Farrar and the team of Mark Major, Amy Major, Phil McClintock, and Chris Bridges. Congrats to all !

Also, a big shout out to BRAD BLACKWELL for making a HOLE IN ONE on hole number three **at night** ! Wow, that's hard to do in the daytime much less in the dark. Way to go Brad!

BIG THANKS TO MELANIE WISDOM FOR ORGANIZING THE EVENT AND VERY BIG THANKS TO JOE ENLOE OF ENLOE LOGGING FOR PROVIDING THE LIGHTED GOLF BALLS AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE EVENING.

SECURITY- TIPS FOR GUARDING AGAINST THEFT

The Cart Sheds at our club have once again been the target of recent theft. The Board of Directors would like you to know that we are working diligently to increase security at our club. We are in process of looking at our current procedures and looking at all our options, including a possible purchase of surveillance equipment.

In the meantime and even

after those procedures are in place, we can possibly decrease the threat of theft by the following:

No 1. Be Diligent and Shut Cart Shed Doors when leaving in early mornings and late afternoons. If there are still golfers on the course, they can open the doors !



No 2. Be sure equipment and cart keys are securely locked or taken home after your round of golf. The Club is not responsible for damaged or stolen equipment.

No 3. LOCK your cars.

No 4. Pay CLOSE Attention to people coming and going in the parking lot you do not recognize. If they think you are watching chances are they will take note.

So you think you know the rules.....

Q1: In stroke play, a competitor broke a club in anger, finished the round with 13 clubs and then learned that he would be involved in a hole-by-hole play-off. May the competitor replace his broken club for the play-off?

Q2: In stroke play, between the play of the 3rd and 4th holes, a player applies a strip of black tape to the top of his putter to prevent glare. Before he plays from the 4th tee, the player learns that he is in breach of the Rules. What is the ruling?

Q3: In stroke play, a player is in the process of marking the position of his ball on the putting green. As he reaches into his pocket to remove a coin to use as a marker, the coin falls on the ball and causes it to move. What is the ruling?

Answers in next month's newsletter!

2013 Club Championship Results

Rick Huff is our new Men's Club Champion. The tournament was held during the weekend of September 7th and 8th. Championship Flight was very close with the top five golfers: 1st, Rick Huff, 2nd John Gibbs, Tie for 3rd & 4th with Doug Arts and Mike Johnson and Karl Dittman (5th). A Flight was won by Charles Midyett with Stewart Carmier taking 2nd place and Daniel Black taking 3rd place. Congratulations all & once again to Rick!



Rick Huff

HISTORY.....Below, you will find a year by year history of the Men's Division Club Champion Tournament. If anyone has information on the winners from 1963 to 1972 or 1975 to 1978, please send it in so we can keep the history of the tournament. We have had several champions who won multiple times over the years. Charles Midyett has won the

most times (13), the most consecutive (5) and holds the lowest 36 hole score of -7 under par 137 in 1999. What an impressive record ! As you can see from the list below, there are several Past Champions who have at least 3 titles or more. Terry Perkins is a current member who has 3 titles. Bernell Wisdom was also a multiple time club champion. In 1985 and 2001, Rob Gray at age 16 and Matt Arts at age 19 appear to be the youngest ever winners. In the 1985 tournament, Rob Gray won against his Grandfather, Bernell Wisdom in a 5 hole sudden death playoff.

Past Club Champions of Spring Creek Golf Club

1950 B.G. Dillworth
 1951 Roy Tanner
 1952 Roy Tanner
 1953 H.M. Moser
 1954 Dr. J.D. McLoed
 1955 Charlie Garrett
 1956 H.M. Moser
 1957 Denver Cook
 1958 Denver Cook
 1959 Denver Cook
 1960 W.L. Jenkins Jr.
 1961 W.L. Jenkins Jr.
 1962 Bernell Wisdom
 1963 W.L. Jenkins Jr.
 1973 Bernell Wisdom-74
 1974 Bernell Wisdom -78
 1979 Bill Rundle-154

1980 Terry Perkins-148
 1981 Bill Freeman-145
 1982 Bill Freeman-150
 1983 Bill Freeman-148
 1984 Rick Wells -143
1985 Rob Gray-152
 1986 Terry Perkins-150
 1987 Bernell Wisdom-150
 1988 Charles Midyett-109
 1989 Rob Gray-110
 1990 Terry Perkins-146
 1991 Francis Waters-146
 1992 Charles Midyett-146
 1993 Ray Lewis-143
 1994 Charles Midyett-143
 1995 Doyle Murr-143
 1996 Charles Midyett-146
 1997 Tim Hines-144

1998 Charles Midyett-141
1999 Charles Midyett-137
 2000 Rob Gray-144
2001 Matt Arts-148
 2002 Charles Midyett-142
 2003 Charles Midyett-109
 2004 Charles Midyett-146
 2005 Charles Midyett-145
 2006 Charles Midyett-73
 2007 Rob Gray-74
 2008 Mike Johnson-149
 2009 Scott Blackwell
 2010 Co-Champs Mike Johnson/Rob Gray
 2011 Charles Midyett
 2012 Charles Midyett
2013 Rick Huff



SPRING CREEK GOLF CLUB WILL BE HOSTING MUSIC TRIVA NIGHT

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH**
TIME: 6:00 P.M.
ENTRY FEE \$ 120 PER TEAM

A Chili Supper is provided with entry served by last years Chili cook off champs !

Payout 50% of Entry Fees

Entry Forms Available at www.scgcgolf.com

SAVE THE DATE !

THE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE IS PLANNING A

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY.

MORE INFO TO FOLLOW NEXT MONTH

GOLF SEASON IN REVIEW...and Thanks

As the new school year begins and the fall season is upon us, it marks the end of another golf season for tournaments and leagues. Many thanks go out to our volunteers that helped make the events possible. Tournaments were well attended this year and I want to recognize our tournament committee

made up of members from the Board of Directors. (And Bob Geary and Peggy Cabbage.) I wanted to give a big thanks to Bonnie Gray for all her hard work in the kitchen bringing us her tasty cheeseburgers. I also want to say thank you to our League Organizers. Big Thanks to Rick and Sarah Huff for running the

Mixed League once again. Andrew Curley, Stewart Carmier, Marty Farrar and Bryon Craig for taking care of Wed night Men's League. Bryon Craig also took all the pictures of tourney winners and maintained the web site. Also, thanks to AJ Seay for organizing Friday night couples fun scramble league. Great job all.

Thank you to **PAR ONE GOLF** of Salem for supplying our Tournament rental carts once again for the 2013 golf season. See Gene Shaw for all your Golf Cart Sales, Accessories, Customizations and much more ! **453-2188**



Top Left-Mrs. Clinton (Bunny) Pines was the first ever to record a hole in one at Salem Golf & Country Club. Mrs. Bob Allen witnessed.

Top Right-From Left to right, Jim Kurtwright, Maxine Curtwright, Cliff Gray, Bonnie Gray, Trudy Hale, (?) and Mayonne Gregory having fun at a club party.

Middle-Not sure if Beth Watson is paying up or collecting on a golf bet with Edie Durbin.

Middle Right- Clubhouse Manager, Mary Karr displaying her surprise birthday party cake.

Lower Right-H. McCullough sinks a putt on one of the original sand greens.

★ Notice the tool located above Cliff and Bonnie Gray in the back of the clubhouse. Many guest and younger members have asked over the years what that was used for. If you will notice the arrow pointing to the smooth path Mr. McCullough was putting on you will see that the tool was used to smooth out the sand surface so you could putt smoothly on sand greens.

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GOLF HISTORY The "BRASSIE"

The historical name for the club that was the closest equivalent to today's 2-woods. A modern 2-wood is not a brassie club - the brassie was very different from a modern 2-wood. But in loft, appearance and use, the brassie is the antique club that is most related to a 2-wood. "Brassie" is most commonly applied to pre-20th Century times. (Loft would range from 12 to 17 degrees.) A strong 3 wood is most similar in the modern day era.

Next month....

- Clubhouse/Golf Course News
- "Remember When" pictures cont'd..
- PGA Year in Review
- Education: Golf Rule of the Month
- Golf Tip of the Month
- Answers to Rules of Golf Quiz
- Women's Past Club Champions

Club Stock for Sale ?

The Board of Directors is working for an outlet to advertise Spring Creek Golf Club shares of stock for sale by members.

The Website and Newsletter are two places that we are going to arrange so you may advertise for shares of stock that you have for sale.

More information to following next month's newsletter.

GOLF TIP OF THE MONTH: HIT UNDER BRANCHES

What it is: A running punch shot

When a tree branch is hanging between your ball and the green, hitting the ball under it requires some adjustments. But the payoff is big: If the ball is sitting clean, a low-flying runner just might scoot all the way to the green.

The Play

To keep the ball low and chase it down the fairway, you need to control the three things that make it go up: loft, clubhead speed and backspin. Typically you hit down on irons. In this case, you want to flatten out the bottom of your swing.

1. Use a 5-iron and position the ball two inches back from the middle of your stance. This will tilt the club's shaft forward and de-loft the face.
2. Make a three-quarter-length backswing for better control.
3. At impact, don't let your right forearm rotate over your left. Think of this shot as a really long chip and finish with the clubhead below the level of your hands. It might help to squeeze the club a little tighter with your left side so your right forearm can't turn over.
4. The low knuckleball produced should run well down the fairway after landing so, when possible, aim away from any bunkers short of the green. If bunker play is a weakness, plan to hit short of them.

Chuck Winstead, Golf Magazine top 100 teacher Published:
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Read more: <http://www.golf.com/instruction/hit-under-branches#ixzz2fGUB8esL>

