# Spring Creek Golf Club



# **NEWSLETTER**

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## IMPORTANT: PROXIES HAVE BEEN MAILED TO "A" SHAREHOLDERS.

PLEASE MAIL THEM BACK IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.

Board of Directors

# Adopt-A-Project

### Dear Members;

As we approach a long awaited spring, hints of green are beginning to appear as well as an increasing number of golfers. I'm sure as you venture out you'll also notice much of our buildings and grounds in need of some TLC. If you recall my piece in last September's newsletter introducing an initiative to try and organize volunteer groups to join together in helping us give the club a little facelift you also remember how quickly winter came upon us and that we never got it launched. It's my intention that this writing serve as a formal introduction.

The greatest wealth of any organization is found in the talent and skills of its members. We have identified projects that need completed and intend

on making the materials available to complete them.

These projects are posted on the board in front of the club for members to adopt.

The listing will contain a brief description of the project, what expected to complete it, what tools might be needed and who the contact person is to get started. We have already had several members sign up and we encourage each of you to consider how you might get involved. Here is a list of projects at this time;

#### Adopt-A-Project List

- 1) Power Washing Vinyl
- 2) Shrub & Bush Trimming, Around Clubhouse
- 3) Bridge Repair & Sealing
- 4) Golf Course Restrooms& Pavilion
- 5) Cart Shed #2 Exterior Painting

- 6) Cart Shed #3 Exterior Painting
- 7) Cart Shed #4 Exterior Painting
- 8) Pool House & Restroom Painting

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.

Sincerely on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Mike Elliott - President

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# In Memoriam: Ken Lanning, "Mr. Golf" Passes

The golfing community lost another of its brethren this winter; local golfer and teacher Ken Lanning died last month. Ken is a member of the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame, a recipient of the Golf Digest national award for contributions to junior golf and was a member of the Missouri Golf Association (MGA) Board of Directors for 31 years.

He became one of Missouri's greatest ever amateur players, a nine-time winner of the Missouri Sand Greens championship and captain of the Missouri Amateur Cup team, which had a four-year undefeated run. He and Bruce Hollowell teamed to win the U.S. Team Championship. His greatest work, according to most peers, was his efforts to promote junior golf. He sponsored the Ken Lanning Junior Golf Tournament for 27 years. and the tourney continued even when his health no longer allowed him to participate. He held as many as 15 junior golf clinics each year around the state, where top amateurs and pros would come and teach boys and girls. Some of the best golfers Missouri has produced from the 1960s-80s were tutored by Lanning, including future PGA great Payne Stewart. His Ken Lanning Junior Golf Tournament was the state's largest junior tourney for decades. He deservedly earned the nickname "Mr. Golf" and his example is mirrored by many who knew him.

Submitted by Mike Elliott, Club President



Pictured Above: Ken Lanning, (Left) instructs Salem Golf and Country Club's young future Club Champion, Rob Gray (Right).

# From the Editor: "Memories of the Ken Lanning Junior Golf Tourney"

remember like yesterday.....Getting in the car with Chris Fraley and Mark Wampler and heading to Rolla to play in the Ken Lanning Junior Golf Tournament. (Chauffeured by one of our Mom's driving of course.) It was my first golf tournament of any kind to be a part of. My Dad thought it would be a real character building experience. I, on the other hand, tended to disagree as I didn't see how trying not to come in dead last in my age group would make me feel good. I was just a baseball player who happened to own a set of golf clubs. From the moment we arrived I could see this was no ordinary kids' golf tournament where few members а begrudgingly volunteered afternoon to babysit and in the end, hand out the cheapest trophies

money could buy. No, this was no ordinary junior event. This was the real deal. This was a tournament run with the utmost professionalism by golf professionals. Mr. Lanning ran the tournament like a mini-tour event. There were clinics on chipping, putting, golf etiquette and age groups from the very young all the way through high school. Some of the best junior golfers in the State of Missouri would show up and square off head to head at the Ken Lanning tournament. When it was time for your group to tee off, an announcer would be on a speaker, "Up next on the tee, from Salem, ...." Wow! I was in awe of the event and still remember that moment on the tee when I heard my name being called. Wobbly kneed and extremely nervous, I couldn't tell you to this day where my first drive went. I was paired with my friend and

fellow Salem golfer, Chris Fraley along with two other golfers our same age. One was from Sullivan,....another hot young golf prospect like Chris. enjoyed watching the two of them square off in a great match. At the end of the day, I had met many young golfers from all over the state, learned some things about this great game we love and yes would have to admit my Father was right... It was a day I would not forget. I think I came in next to last in my division. (Thank goodness for little victories.) It's hard to imagine how many kids had the same experience I did during the 27 years Mr. Lanning ran the event. Memories that will last a lifetime. To Ken Lanning, we owe our deepest thanks for almost three decades of his time and dedication. He touched so many young lives. So "Mr. Golf" we give a heartfelt "Thank you." By David Dittman

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### TIGER GOLF GEARS UP FOR NEW 2014 SEASON

Coach McClintock optimistic with the team being led by 2 varsity returners in Juniors Zach Elliott and Hayden Major. Those two will look to step into a leadership role as the Tigers will need to replace Salem's top golfer Alan Benowitz. Zach Elliott returns as Honorable Mention All-SCA selection by shooting a 96 at the Conference match. Also was medalist at the Marshfield Invitational where he shot the 14th best score out of 17 the teams attendance. Returners that will step into a varsity role will be Sophomore Colton Fry and Senior Leah Curley. A slew of others will look to fill the 5th Varsity position.

Zach Elliott: Zach was our second most consistent golfer last year. He medaled at the Seymour Invitational last year shooting an 87 ranking him 14th out of over 70 competitors. Zach also shot a 96 to earn him Honorable Mention All-SCA. Zach's strengths are his length with his iron's and driver.



Hayden Major: Hayden played varsity golf all year as a sophomore. He shot consistently in the 90's last year but will look to lower his scores and get into the 80's this season. Hayden's

strength is his consistency with his irons.

Leah Curley: Leah has been playing golf since she was young. She will look to use experience on the course to contribute with the varsity this year.

Colton Fry: Colton has put a lot of work in on his golf game this summer.

He has been hitting the ball very well so far this season and has the potential to medal at tournaments and get honors this golf season as a sophomore.

#### Coach McClintock:

This is my second year as the golf coach here at Salem and the second year coaching golf ever although golf is a sport I have played my whole life. I also just finished my second season as head boys' basketball coach here at Salem.

### 2014 Salem Tiger Golf Schedule

4/08 Willow Springs

### 4/10 AT HOME-SALEM INVITATIONAL

4/15 Seymour

4/16 St. James

4/17 Cabool

4/22 Houston

4/28 SCA Tournament

5/5 Districts

**GOOD LUCK TIGERS!** 

#### **MIXED LEAGUE**

Who: Mixed couples, One (1) male, One (1) female, one must be a member and if one isn't, they will pay green fees each week.

What: Format is scramble with your partner playing 9 holes of golf.

When: Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup>

Registration begins at 4:30, play at 5:30

CONTACT RICK OR SARAH HUFF IF INTERESTED IN PLAYING.

#### Course Management-The Par Three's (Holes Number 3 & 5)

This section is meant for golfers new to the game or golfers just joining the club. These little inside tips on managing your round can help you shave a stroke or two.

**Hole Number Three (3)** has an elevated tee box with our signature Spring Creek directly behind the green. You will also find and water and cattails to the right. A key to this hole is "do not hit too much club". If you find the water, you will be hitting your third shot from the designated drop area, and unless you hit a great chip shot, the dreaded double bogey. Another item to consider on this hole is wind and pin placement. Many times you will find the wind blowing to the North, or in the case of #3, left to right. If the pin is on the right and you go at the pin with the crosswind, the slightest push and you are in the cattails.

Hole Number Five (5) is a flat short par 3. The first thing to pay attention to on this hole is the little marker on the flag stick. If it's low on the flag stick the hole is close to the front of the green. If it's in the middle, the middle of the green, and if it's high on the flag stick, the hole is near the back of the green. Probably the most important thing to remember on this hole is pin placement. If the pin is all the way to the right side of the green, you must make sure your shot is left. Even if you miss the green left your chances of chipping back at the pin and saving par are better than missing right. Since the green slopes somewhat downhill right to left, missing right with the pin on the right leaves you with a next to impossible chip shot.





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# MEMBERS, PLEASE REMEMBER TO:

1. REPAIR YOUR BALL MARKS ON THE GREEN. THIS HELPS THE GREEN HEAL MUCH FASTER AND LEAVES A SMOOTH PUTTING SURFACE FOR THE GOLFER'S BEHIND YOU.



2. RAKE THE TRAP WHEN YOU ARE FINISHED WITH YOUR SHOT.



## GOLF RULE OF THE MONTH: TEE BOX

RULE 11-5/4 Ball Played from Wrong Teeing Ground in Stroke Play; Error Corrected

Q: In stroke play, after finishing the 10<sup>th</sup> hole, A and B played from the teeing ground of the 15<sup>th</sup> hole instead of the 11<sup>th</sup> hole. They realized their error before completing the 15<sup>th</sup> hole, returned to the 11<sup>th</sup> tee and completed the round. What is the ruling?

A: A and B each incurred a penalty of two strokes under Rule 11-4b. They were correct in discontinuing play at the 15<sup>th</sup> hole and returning to the 11<sup>th</sup> hole. Strokes played at the 15<sup>th</sup> hole, when it was played out of order, did not count.

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT



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FOR DONATING <u>AND</u> INSTALLING A BIG SCREEN THEATRE SYSTEM IN THE CLUB FOR MOVIE NIGHTS, SPORTS, AND SPECIAL EVENTS!

GRAB SOME POPCORN AND COME OUT!



## TO JIM DODSON OF ECS ELECTRIC

FOR DONATING THE POLE AND INSTALLING THE WIRE FOR THE CLUB'S NEW SURVEILANCE CAMERAS. THANKS FOR ADOPTING THAT BIG PROJECT!

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE SURVEILLANCE CAMERA'S ARE NOW IN OPERATION.

THE CLUB USED
ROMMEL COWAN LOCKSMITH
OF SALEM FOR THE INSTALLATION



CONGRATS TO OUR CLUB EMPLOYEE AND MEMBER NICK HAPPEL

FOR BOWLING A PERFECT GAME ON MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup> DURING LEAGUE PLAY. THIS IS NICK'S SECOND PERFECT GAME.





#### **POOL TABLE READY TO PLAY!**

THE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE A POOL TABLE HAS BEEN INSTALLED IN THE CLUB AND READY FOR YOU TO ENJOY!

FIRST TOURNAMENT OF THE YEAR IS COMING SOON.

THREE MAN SCRAMBLE

**MAY 17<sup>TH</sup> & 18<sup>TH</sup>** 

GET YOUR PARTNERS LINED UP AND TELL YOUR FRIENDS!



From the left are Debbie Ferne and Freida Lovan, Willow Springs, fourth; Martha Julian and Margaret Bray, Rolla, third; Edie Durbin and Joyce Bradley, Salem, second; and Dot Nash and Georgia Wisdom, Salem, first.

**Top-**Edie Durban, Joyce Bradley, Dot Nash and Georgia Wisdom among the A Flight winners sporting their new clubs!

Middle Right-Dick and Mary Lou Smith getting ready for mixed league looking sharp in their matching golf attire.

Lower Right-Kelsey and Dot Wisdom pose for a quick snapshot. Lower Left-Mrs. Maxine Vandivort shows off her Ladies Handicap Champion Trophy.



