

Tide Timber Trail

MGA Anticipates Season

by John Cragoe, MGA President

It's hard to believe, but the first event of the 2009 Port Ludlow Men's Golf Association (MGA) season is upon us. On **Wednesday, March 4**, we'll be teeing off at 9:00 a.m. for a 3-2-1 Four-Man Team tournament. This will be the first of 35 weekly tournaments this year. If you haven't joined the MGA for 2009, there's still time—just complete the form available at the Pro Shop and leave a check for your dues.

On **Wednesday, March 11**, we'll be buying lunch for the guys in the maintenance crew following play. Be sure to sign up and go tell these guys how much we appreciate all their hard work. Many of the crew will be playing with us on that day as well. Team events will round out the schedule for the month of **March**, with a Two-Man Aggregate Stableford on **Wednesday, March 18** and a Two-Man Chapman on the **Wednesday, March 25**.

Mark your calendars now for these dates:

- **Wednesday, April 15:** Spring Meeting at the Bay Club, 4:00 p.m.
- **Friday, May 1:** Hood Canal Bridge closes for five to six weeks
- **Wednesdays, May 6 and 13:** Home and Away matches with Whidbey Island
- **Wednesday, June 3:** President's Cup begins
- **Tuesdays, June 9 and 16:** Home and Away matches with Dungeness

The Men's Golf Association offers weekly organized play flighted by handicap. There are weekly prizes and monthly lunches. Occasional skills clinics and special events add to the overall experience you will enjoy. This year's Board is dedicated to making the coming season fun for all golfers. Board officers are:

- John Cragoe, President
- Dean Morgan, Vice President and Tournament Director
- Jack McKay, Treasurer
- Don Thompson, Secretary
- Tom Stone, Social Chairman
- Joe Kelly, Handicap Chairman
- Wayne Samples, Director at Large
- Jerry Conover, Director at Large

WGA News

by Turney Oswald, Publicity

As we embark on a new season of golf, the Port Ludlow Women's Golf Association (WGA) would like to welcome new members, Shannon McCaslin, Laura Shisler and Anne Weigel to our group. We are 55 members strong, of which 46 are playing members and 9 are social members. We look forward to a fun-filled year of weekly play, tournaments, outings at other courses, and occasional play with our spouses in Couples' events, as well as several luncheons. Co-Captain Peggy Selby has spent a considerable amount of time planning the weekly games that begin in **March** and end in **October**. These events are aimed at improving our skills, having a good time and playing with a variety of different partners.

Don't forget to sign up at the Clubhouse by **Sunday** noon prior to **Tuesday** golf. The first day of play is **Tuesday, March 10** so you will need to sign up by noon **Sunday, March 8**. Weekly play continues every **Tuesday** thereafter.

Opening Day has been moved to **Tuesday, April 7** and Beth Weaver and her committee have planned a festive celebration to celebrate the start of our 2009 season. The theme for the game and the luncheon is "The French Open." Following the luncheon at the Bay Club, Captain Sandie Yonke will preside at the Opening Day meeting and pass out this year's Handbooks.

A preview of activities planned for 2009 includes:

- Cinco de Mayo Welcome Back party, to include spouses and significant others, on **Sunday, May 3**. We hope to see all the snowbirds back from their flights south.
- The Spring Tournament will be held **Monday and Tuesday, May 11 and 12**.
- Captain's Cup Match Play Tournament will begin on **Tuesday, June 9**.
- The Club Championship will be in **mid-August**.

Port Ludlow will again field a team for competition in TOP, which stands for Teams of the Olympic Peninsula. Sharon Zablotney and Lucinda Thompson will head up this group of gals for team match play. It's always fun to be able to compete on different courses throughout the season.

This is just a small sampling of all there is to offer in ladies golf at Port Ludlow. If you are interested in joining this friendly active group, contact any Board member or Cathie Hampton, Membership Chairman, at 437-0827. She will be happy to answer your questions.

News from the Lady Niners

by Beverly Browne, Publicity

Snow is falling as I write this and it is difficult to believe the golfing season is just around the corner. The ladies and men's nine-hole golf associations will begin the 2009 golfing season of with their traditional social on **Thursday, March 19, 5:00 p.m.**, at the Bay Club. This would be an excellent time for potential new members to investigate our organization and pick up information about joining. A good person to contact is Betty Quisenberry, our membership officer, 437-2001. Adele Govert will have the handbooks listing the rules and the games ready for pickup.

This year's officers for the women's organization are: Captain Barbara Berthiaume, Co-captain Cathie Hampton, Treasurer Gayle Carrier, Play Day Chairs Kathy Stainfield and Laura Shisler. Couples' chairs are Judy and Tom Smith and Anne and Bill Weigel. The social committee consists of Bev Boucher, Karen Fyock, Shannon McCaslin and Kathy Snider. Margo Elton does our handicapping. Cynthia Durham writes the thank you and get-well notes; Elin Failla is the big sister. Carolyn Voss presides over the rules. Charlotte Pennington keeps the historical record of our activities.

Please note the following change: the **Thursday, April 16** couples dinner will be at Niblick's rather than the Bay Club. Cathy Hampton is organizing the year-end banquet. And we haven't even started the year yet. Wow!

One issue under discussion this year has been the amount of yearly dues. They have held steady at \$35 and will continue to do so for the ladies this year. The men's organization is canvassing its membership to assess the acceptability of an increase. Pick-up games are ongoing at the Club. Captain Barbara will send e-mails about tee-times, at least until the games start in earnest. The hardy will benefit from the exercise. Remember: "No other game combines the wonder of nature with the discipline of sport in such carefully planned ways," according to Tom Watson. See you on the course!

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