



## “News From Around The Bend”



### Maintaining the Quality of Club Member Privileges

#### Monthly Maintenance...

This month, as we prepare the greens for aeration during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of March; we will feed the soil and turf in order to have the quickest heal time in RGC history. Remember, our greens' profile has still been top dressed with only the same sand type that they were built with! This has assured the best possible infiltration imaginable, with no layering of different sand types. Not having any layering allows for great water flushing and a high perk rate for consistent root growth.

To alleviate the possibility of Bermuda contaminating our bent grass greens, we are going to aerate our collars during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of February. During this process, in order to “kill many birds with as few stones as possible,” we will punch the hard-to-reach places between the collars and irrigation heads. This will serve a number of purposes while relieving compaction. It will also help lower the lip by the exterior edger line and increase playability to an area constantly beat up from a number of maintenance practices.

*Maintenance Staff*

#### Wildlife Notes...

Have you noticed the four (4) newly erected boxes at a minimum height of eight feet that are now located on the golf course? They are spaced proportionally for Barn Owl needs. Yep, they're Barn Owl boxes for nesting. Hopefully, we are successful because these cat-sized hunters with a silent 42" wing span, each eat 3,000 rodents per year. Although endangered in some parts of the country, they are prevalent here and will really help us control rodent problems at RGC. This, in turn, will continue to keep RGC's standing as a good steward of our precious environment!

*Michael F. Stielor, CGCS / RGC-GM*

*RGC... "Golf & the Environment in Harmony."*

## February Event Calendar

- 1st - SKINS @ 11:00 Tee Times
- 2nd - Women's Club @ 9:00 Shotgun (Star Day)  
Groundhog Day (Punxsutawney Phil: the Seer of Seers)
- 5th - Super Bowl Open @ 9:00 Shotgun
- 8th - SKINS @ 11:00 Tee Times
- 9th - Women's Club @ 9:00 Shotgun (EVENS)
- 14th - RGC Seniors @ 9:00 Shotgun  
Happy Valentine's Day!!
- 15th - SKINS @ 11:00 Tee Times
- 16th - Women's Club @ 9:00 Shotgun  
(4 Women, 2 Best Ball)
- 19th - NCGA 4-Ball Net Qual. @ 10:00 Tee Times
- 20th - President's Day / Holiday Rates!!!
- 22nd - SKINS @ 11:00 Tee Times
- 23rd - Women's Club @ 9:00 Shotgun (ODDS)



### 2012 New Year's Bash

RGC's first ever *New Year's Bash* was a complete success. Good times were had by all! This event raised \$1,006.00 for our troops via a donation to *The Kitchen Table Gang Trust* as well as 164 Lbs of perishable foods and \$130.00 for our local *Community Food Bank*.

For those who do not know, *The Kitchen Table Gang Trust* is a non-profit corporation that provides care packages to our soldiers and Marines deployed overseas, helps our veterans (including those who are homeless and those who are in VA Hospitals) and distributes flags to the families of returning servicemen and women at air terminals. It is solely supported by the generosity of its volunteers, members, individuals, corporations and foundations, who support and appreciate our American military men and women.

We greatly appreciate everyone's participation in this event!

*Charles Tabiaferro / President of the SFPOD*

#### 2012 New Year's Bash Winners

- 1st Place: Steve Neer / Ed Zaharides / Jim Kozub / Ron Cox
- 2nd Place: John Behrens / Cathy Garcia / Earl Ferguson / Pat Plummer
- 3rd Place: Tim Schinner / Steve Bernard / Randy Moore / John Artega
- 4th Place: Vicki Diaz / Juan Diaz / Chris Diaz / Bob Blackwell

### Women's Club

Being a part of Riverbend Women's Club gives you the opportunity to meet and greet other women who enjoy the game of golf and play on a regular basis in a fun, organized environment. A weekly "Play Day" is held each Thursday morning with a variety of play formats. Our members encourage all guests to offer their talents, friendship and participation in club activities. For further information, please contact Vicki Diaz at 559-349-6763 or Tanya Benjamin at 559-432-3020 Ext. 21.



### February Event Play Opportunities

Upcoming events in February are the Super Bowl Open on the 5th and the RGC seniors on the 14th. Also, one of the bigger events of the year, the NCGA regional Zone Qualifier, will be held on the 19th. This event is open to all Players' Club members. The event is a 4 person, 2 best ball event and the winning team from Riverbend will advance to the regional qualifier at Poppy Hills and Quail Lodge at the end of April. Form your own 4 person team for the qualifier.

Sign up for these events in the Pro Shop!



### 11th Annual Reno Golf Tournament (June 24th thru June 27, 2012)



Come one, come all and join us for a great time playing two beautiful, award winning golf courses.  
\* The Redhawk Lakes & Hills Golf Courses \*

For further information, please contact Bill LaMontagne at (559) 298-1202 or Gene Hardy at (559) 297-3443.