



“News From Around The Bend”

Maintaining the Quality of Club Member Privileges

“Course Conditions” from the Super

March will be an exciting & busy month for the maintenance crew. Not only will we be aerifying the greens March 23-26, we will also be renovating the left side of #2 and adding a waste bunker to #13. I look forward to the feedback that we'll get once we are finished. If all goes well, all projects will be finished by the end of March.

As for the aerification process, this is our “big one.” We will deep-tine down 6-7 inches with a solid tine and then go over the green with a 5/8 inch hollow tine to a depth of about 3-4 inches. The 5/8 inch tine will produce a core that will give the sand, air and water somewhere to go. This is also the time of year where we pull all the poa annua we can find. Poa Annua is considered a weed at Riverbend and only hinders our attempts at giving our members the smoothest, truest putting conditions we can produce. If you see Poa Annua, please let Gary or me know so that we can eliminate it.

See you on the course!

Brian Daum

Lag Putting

When playing golf at Riverbend, you are going to be faced with long breaking putts that will leave you scratching your head. Being able to get down in two putts will save you many strokes and keep your round enjoyable. Most three-putts are caused from your first putt being hit too hard or too soft. Here are a few drills that may help you lag your putts a little closer to the hole:

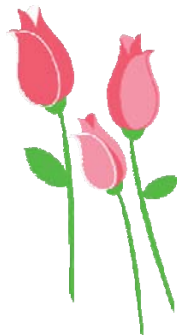
- When practicing, putt with your eyes closed.
- Feel your stroke and how hard you need to hit the ball to roll it to the hole.
- Also when practicing, hit a putt and, before you look at the result, guess if you hit it long or short. You might hit a putt and feel like you hit it 10 feet past the hole and look up only to find it short.
- Hit putts toward the fringe trying to get as close as you can without going onto the actual fringe. This helps with learning a sense of *feel* without worrying about a small specific target.

Try these drills and you will find that your first putts end up much closer to the hole on a consistent basis.

Danny Paniccia

Event Calendar

1st	PWGA 8:00 Shotgun & Member/Public 1:00 Shotgun
3rd	SKINS 11:00
4th	Women's Club 9:00 Shotgun
9th	RGC Seniors 9:00 Shotgun
10th	SKINS 11:00
11th	Women's Club 9:00 Shotgun
14th	Day Light Savings / Spring Forward
17th	SKINS 12:00 / St. Patrick's Day
18th	Women's Club 9:00 Shotgun & NCGA Pub Links Qualifier 10:00 Tee Times
23rd	Aerification / 9 Holes Open
24th	Aerification / 9 Holes Open
25th	Women's Club 9:00 Shotgun



Player's Club Update

The Players Club Advisory Board is working for you! The advisory board is now active in setting up tournaments in which we hope all members can participate. Your input is very important for the success of the Players Club events as well as for the overall health of Riverbend Golf Club. If you have any questions or ideas to improve your experience at RGC, please contact either Ed (in the pro shop) or fellow member, Steve Neer (the Advisory Board Interim Chairman). The first big Players Club event of the year is the annual *Spring Get Together* on Saturday April 17th.

A special thanks to Gene Hardy for running the monthly Riverbend Senior event for the past number of years. The Pro Shop will now be running the event and input from our membership regarding formats will be appreciated. The next event is Tuesday March 9th with a 9am shotgun with sign-up and format flyer in the pro shop.

Lockers Anyone?

Believe it or not, the lockers are finally on the way! It's been a lengthy process in acquiring the lockers; however, they are now expected to arrive by mid-March. Please know that the RGC Staff is persistent in its efforts to enhance member benefits. Sixty (60) lockers will be available at a reasonable monthly cost. Acquiring a locker rental is on a first come, first serve basis. So, if you want a locker, please add your name to the list in the Pro Shop.

RGC Vision: "To be the best at our unique niche."

'Hole In One'

Bob Hardin

Hole #14 - 165 Yards - 5 Iron

'Hole In One'

Ray Gorman

Hole #7 - 174 Yards - 5 Iron

'Hole In One'

John Benjamin

Hole #14 - 188 Yards - 5 Iron

Beverage Cart Hours



Saturdays & Sundays
9:00 to 3:00 pm
Wednesdays & Fridays
11:00 to 4:00 pm

(weather or golfer demand permitting)