



# NEWSLETTER



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## THE PRESIDENT'S CUP

I have seen and heard about lots of golf trips to the south of us lately. Colorado always seems to be just a little ahead of us with the warm weather. Hopefully, it will soon be nice enough here to go out and at least get nine in.

All of the winter activities are slowly coming to an end and we are gearing up for the golf season. "Let's Make a Deal" is over for the year. I think everyone that attended had a good time. I know I did. Overall, we handed out over \$3000 worth of gifts and prizes. Thanks to all that donated and helped out to make it a great time.

Now it's time for golf: mens' league, ladies' league, Twilight League and of course the club tournaments; friendly wagers with your buddies, side bets with your spouse and all of the fun that comes along with the golf season. Some of the tournament dates are set and I look forward to what Gil has planned for this year. Look for some fun things to be tied into the tournaments, too.

Don't forget that Mike has annual passes, social memberships, GHIN cards and ace insurance for sale now. Stop in soon, beat the crowds and get set for the upcoming season.

As always I ask that you make this your club. Come up and enjoy what we have going. Bring a friend and recruit a new member and all members are always welcome to attend our monthly board meetings. Your suggestions and comments are always welcome and bringing them to the board is the best way to get them heard.

Greg Jourgensen  
Board President

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Club Manager .....	Linda Green

## THE SECRETARY'S TREASURES

The pages of the calendar just keep flipping over - time is moving on. March signals new beginnings as we move toward the "busy" season. A few items of note:

- Social memberships (\$20) are due April 1st. Remember your social membership determines whether you receive a newsletter and whether your name gets on the daily drawing list.
- April will start the new year for ads appearing in the newsletter. For only \$60/year, your ad reaches over 1000 people each month. Statements will be out in mid-March.
- Scholarships – the 2011 application form is available in the pro shop, the bar, and will soon be on the Club's web site. June 15th is the application deadline. Applicants should review a current application form since it lists scholarship eligibility requirements that may not appear on older forms. The main item on 2011 applications will be the requirement for CERTIFIED transcripts.

If you have ANY questions, contact any Board member or email the Club (address below).

January 2011's financial standing was MUCH better. Income of \$44,608; Expenses of \$44,216 = Net Operating INCOME of \$392 (January 2010 had an operating loss of \$7509).

The Club's investments with First Interstate Wealth Management posted an increase of \$1885 in January 2011 – current portfolio value is \$279,664.

On the lighter side:

An actual call received at a public golf course:

STAFF: Golf course, may I help you?  
 CALLER: What are your green fees?  
 STAFF: 38 dollars.  
 CALLER: Does that include golf?

Remember: Corned Beef/Cabbage at 5pm 'til it's gone on Thursday, March 17th... bring a friend – encourage them to become a member.

*HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!*

Jan Booth  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Club email: [airportgolfclub@bresnan.net](mailto:airportgolfclub@bresnan.net)



# VICE PRESIDENT'S SLICE

I know it's not my style;  
I haven't written a poem in awhile.

So here goes, I want to know what you think;  
Cause this poem might really stink.

The month of March means Spring's on the way;  
Brings us one step closer to the game we love to play.

Won't be long before green covers come off;  
Small dimpled balls we will set aloft.

Stretching to limber up in the beginning is smart;  
Take it slow and easy, when you first start.

We think we are invincible, and won't get hurt;  
Just take the correct steps, with danger you will not flirt.

Our season is short; number one is our health;  
It means more than anything, even wealth.

Eat right and exercise, and you will see;  
Your game will be great from the first tee.

Hope we have an early Spring;  
Our favorite clubs, we will soon swing.

Patty L. Hendershot

# FROM THE HOUSE . . .

Howdy,

The Valentine's Day dinner was well supported by the membership and a great time was had by all. Another huge thank you goes out to Linda and her staff for a job well done.

Burger night continues to be well supported and will be continued with one minor change. We prepared ten fish patties as an alternative to the burgers last month but did not sell any of them and they had to be thrown away. We will discontinue the offering of fish for the time being. Steak night is doing well also and will continue as planned. The carry-in dinner did not fare so well. We only had about thirty participants while we had food for a hundred. Again, some of the food had to be discarded. We will cancel the carry-in for now and re-evaluate it in the fall to see if there is enough interest to start it up again.

"Pepie" put on a great show again and generated an overwhelming crowd and will be back on the second Friday of the month from 5-9. If you haven't had an opportunity to come out for the show, please try to attend. You will be entertained and have a great experience as well. Please come early if you can as the bar area fills up fast.

The "Let's Make a Deal" game on Tuesday nights is finished for this season. We had a great time doing it and gave away some amazing prizes. I think that the game was very well received and adequately supported by the membership. We were averaging approximately sixty plus potential players per night. A huge "atta girl" goes out to Heather and Teri as we had over a hundred people in the bar for the final game and the girls worked extremely hard to serve everyone in a timely manner. We will plan on starting the game again in the fall. If you have any input on this matter or any other, please feel free to attend the board meeting held on the third Monday each month at 5:30 and let your opinion be heard.

How about something new and different? Got any golf equipment you don't want or use? Do you want to trade for something that you do need or want? We will hold a golf equipment buy, sell and swap meet on April 23 from 10-3. This event is intended to give the membership an opportunity to meet new and old friends as well as give us an excuse to clean out our garages, storage sheds and outbuildings of old or slightly used golf equipment in anticipation of the upcoming golf season. If you are interested in participating as a vendor, there will be a \$5.00 charge to rent a table in the dining room. The proceeds from the rentals will go to our scholarship fund.

If you have any questions, suggestions or new ideas that would help us provide quality services to the membership, please feel free to contact me at [cm.howdy@bresnan.net](mailto:cm.howdy@bresnan.net).

House Chairman  
Craig Mize

## DAILY DRAWING WINNERS

### January 2011 (beginning 1/23)

23	Marion Erosky	Not In
24	Dave Rhodes	Not In
25	Mabel Wilson	Not In
26	Dana Lent	Not In
27	Paula Strickland	Not In
28	GLADYS WOOD	\$333 WINNER
29	Charlie Tibbetts	Not In
30	Lori Lemaster	Not In
31	Don Brown	Not In

### February 2011 (ending 2/22)

1	B.J. Durham	Not In
2	Damon Artery	Not In
3	Orville Baker	Not In
4	Virginia Groth	Not In
5	Roger Woolington	Not In
6	Robert Pitts	Not In
7	Marion Erosky	Not In
8	Robert Pitts	Not In
9	Ed Kunkel	Not In
10	Georgia Befus	Not In
11	Mike Purcell	Not In
12	Joe Tritle	Not In
13	Chad Lybeck	Not In
14	LINDA GARLACH	\$500 WINNER
15	MARY JANSSEN	\$411 WINNER
16	Peggy Nighswonger	Not In
17	Dick Martin	Not In
18	Mike Helsel	Not In
19	Amy Olson	Not In
20	Steve Roesel	Not In
21	Arden Wilke	Not In
22	Mary Cox	Not In

# March 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 WARC Race Car Display – Date TBA		1 Ladies Cards  <u>IW/SDSU 8p</u>	2 Ladies Cards Sr Mens Bridge 1230p  <u>Cowgirls@SDSU 8p</u>	3	4 Cards  HAPPY HOUR 5p \$3 Hamburger Nite	5  <u>Cowgirls/BYU 2p</u>  <u>IW@BYU 1:30pm</u>
6	7	8 Ladies Cards  <u>MWC Tournament-Cowgirls/1<sup>st</sup> Round Las Vegas NV</u>	9 Ladies Cards Sr Mens Bridge 1230p  <u>MWC Tournament Cowboys/1<sup>st</sup> Round-Las Vegas</u>	10	 PEPIE 5-9p HAPPY HOUR 5p	12
13 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS Begins   Set Clock Ahead 1 Hour	14	15 Ladies Cards	16 Ladies Cards Sr Mens Bridge 1230p	17 St. Patricks Day   Corned Beef/Cabbage	18 Cards  HAPPY HOUR 5p \$8 Steak Nite	19
 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Spring	21  Board of Directors Meeting 5:30p	22 Ladies Cards	23 Ladies Cards Sr Mens Bridge 1230p	24	25 <u>CRAIG M b'DAY</u> Cards  HAPPY HOUR 5p	26
27	28	29 Ladies Cards	30 Ladies Cards Sr Mens Bridge 1230p	31	  HAPPY HOUR 5p \$3 Hamburger Nite	2

# Getting in Shape for the Upcoming Golf Season . . .

Historically golfers have not been perceived as the best conditioned athletes. Recently, the game has changed and now most tour players are in excellent condition. However, the average player is not likely to go to the gym and workout like a professional athlete. They are left wondering how to get in shape for golf.

There are a number of great exercises to get in shape for golf that utilize golf clubs. This is very appealing to most golfers since it doesn't feel like they are trying to get in shape. In addition the time spent feeling the weight and balance of their clubs allows them to swing better because they are more attuned to both their bodies and the clubs they are swinging.

Good golfers are very strong in the hands and forearms. To work on strength and flexibility in these areas grab two clubs, one in each hand. Standing up straight with a club in each hand simply flex the wrist upward until the club is pointing straight up in the air or as far as you can comfortably go. When this becomes easy to do, put two clubs in each hand, then three and so on. This is a great way

to get in shape for golf by flexing the wrists. It will add a lot of zip at the bottom of your swing.

To build up your forearms hold one club between your two hands at arms length directly in front of you. The club shaft should be in your finger tips. Now, rotate the shaft away from you just using your fingers. You will start to feel a burn in your forearms. Then rotate the club towards you. This will be more difficult. You can also tie a weight to the middle of the club suspended by a piece of string. Then you will be trying to wind up the weight to the golf shaft. In time you should feel your forearms getting very tired. Strong forearms are important for getting in shape for golf because they help stabilize your swing path particularly in the impact zone area.

Finally. To loosen up your chest, arms and back. Bend over from the waist until your chest is parallel with the floor. Hold a club behind your back between both hands. Now, raise the club as high as you can go. For some of you that will only be about two inches or so. Other may be able to get the club high up over their shoulders. This is a great overall stretching routine and will really help you get in shape for golf. This stretch also tells you how high your hands should be in your backswing. If you can only get the club up to the middle of your back then you should have a relatively flat backswing. Otherwise you are disconnecting from what your body can really do.

In all of these stretches try and work for improvement. That can be an increase in the range of motion you are getting or in the amount of weight or resistance you are using.

Of course the best way to get in shape for golf is to play a lot of golf and/or hit a lot of golf balls. Just make certain that you are properly stretched out ahead of time.

These are just some of the fun ways to use your clubs to get in shape for golf. There are many more. To read about some other great ways to get in shape for golf go to <http://www.golffitnesstheguide.com/>

## LET'S MAKE A DEAL WINNERS

February 15th	
Joyce Webster	Ace Insurance
Joann Kalkofen	Ace Insurance
Barb Stevenson	Ace Insurance
Roy Page	T-Shirt/Hat
Jim Coulter	Ace Insurance
Karen Byrne	Drink Chips/Hair Products/Candle Holders
Braden Terwilliger	GOLF CLUBS
Bud Racicky	T-Shirt/Hat
Don Carlson	T-Shirt/Hat
Peg Nighswonger	Social Membership/\$20 Bar Tab
Raylene Gerdes	Ace Insurance
Heather Rhoads	T-Shirt/Hat
Pam Eppich	GHIN Card
Patty Terwilliger	Social Membership/\$10 Pull Tabs/\$20 Bar Tab

February 22nd	
Vickie Moxley	T-Shirt/Hat
Wil Burke III	Ace Insurance
Lowell Shickell	\$20 Bar Tab
Riley Busacker	\$10 Pull Tabs/Bar Set/2 Drink Chips
"Some-1 Lucky?"	GHIN/Social Membership/2 Steak Dinners
Joyce Webster	T-Shirt/Hat
John Cole	2 Steak Dinners/Social Mbrship/4 Drinks
Phil Lane	GOLF PASS
Helen Becker	\$20 Bar Tab
Ray Bromagen	\$50 Cash
Don Carlson	Ace Insurance/Dozen "Trained" Golf Balls
Lorraine Fleenor	Poker Chips/T-Shirt
Butch Marlin	T-Shirt/Social Membership
Gladys Wood	\$25 Cash

Racing Enthusiasts  
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Mid to Late March 2011  
(details to be announced)

a display of Pure Stocks, Hobby Stocks, Modifieds,  
and other rods  
in the Airport Golf Club parking lot (4801 Central Ave)

Watch for a flyer with more information to be posted in the Clubhouse soon.

Date	Tournament	Time	Tee	Remarks	Request in
16-May	EWAC Conference	9:00 AM	Shotgun	Regular Play after 1:30 PM	School
17-May	EWAC Conference	9:00 AM	Shotgun	Regular Play after 1:30 PM	School
22-May	Opening Day	8:00 AM	Shotgun	Regular Play after 12:30 PM	Club
28-May	Walker	8:00 AM	Shotgun	Regular Play after 12:30 PM	Club
29-May	Walker	8:00 AM	Shotgun	Regular Play after 12:30 PM	Club
30-May	Walker	8:00 AM	Shotgun	Regular Play after 12:30 PM	Club
5-Jun	Val Cegelski Memorial	12:30 PM	Shotgun	Regular Play a 7:30 AM Shotgun	yes
10-Jun	Homebuilders	9:00 AM	Shotgun	Regular Play after 1:30 PM	No
12-Jun	Couples	8:00 AM	Shotgun	Regular Play after 12:30 PM	Club
17-Jun	Demin & Diamonds	9:00 AM	Shotgun	Regular Play after 1:30 PM	No
18-Jun	Gill Memorial	12:30 PM	Shotgun	Regular Play a 7:30 AM Shotgun	yes
24-Jun	AHEPA	9:00 AM	Shotgun	Regular Play after 1:30 PM	yes
25-Jun	Burns Basketball	8:00 AM	Tee Times	No Effect on Regular Play	yes
26-Jun	ADT	12:30 PM	Shotgun	Regular Play a 7:30 AM Shotgun	yes
6-Jul	Wyoming Open	2:00 PM	Tee Times	Course Closed	club
7-Jul	Wyoming Open	All Day	Shotgun	Course Closed	club
8-Jul	Wyoming Open	All Day	Tee Times	Course Closed	club
9-Jul	Wyoming Open	All Day	Tee Times	Course Closed	club
10-Jul	Wyoming Open	All Day	Tee Times	Course Closed	club
16-Jul	Redwood	12:30 PM	Shotgun	Regular Play a 7:30 AM Shotgun	yes
6-Aug	Wyoming Epilipsy	12:30 PM	Shotgun	Regular Play a 7:30 AM Shotgun	No
8-Aug	High Plains	9:00 AM	Shotgun	Regular Play after 1:30 PM	City
9-Aug	High Plains	9:00 AM	Shotgun	Regular Play after 1:30 PM	City
11-Aug	Senior Olympics	All Day	Tee Times	No Effect on Regular Play	City
13-Aug	Telco	8:00 AM	Shotgun	Regular Play after 12:30 PM	No
14-Aug	Grace for Two Brothers	12:30 PM	Shotgun	Regular Play a 7:30 AM Shotgun	yes
20-Aug	Alf's Pub	12:30 PM	Shotgun	Regular Play a 7:30 AM Shotgun	yes
21-Aug	City Employees	12:30 PM	Shotgun	Regular Play a 7:30 AM Shotgun	city
22-Aug	Cheyenne Invite	9:00 AM	Shotgun	Regular Play after 1:30 PM	school
23-Aug	Cheyenne Invite	9:00 AM	Shotgun	Regular Play after 1:30 PM	school
27-Aug	Twilight League	7:30 AM	Tee Times	Regular Play Begins at 7:30 From Back Nine	club
28-Aug	Club Championship Scramble	8:00 AM	Shotgun	Regular Play after 12:30 PM	club
3-Sep	Club Championship	8:00 AM	Shotgun	Regular Play after 12:30 PM	Club
4-Sep	Club Championship	8:00 AM	Shotgun	Regular Play after 12:30 PM	Club
5-Sep	Club Championship	8:00 AM	Shotgun	Regular Play after 12:30 PM	Club
10-Sep	Scott Clingman	12:30 PM	Tee Times	No Effect on Regular Play	Yes
11-Sep	CFD Volunteers	9:00 AM	Shotgun	Regular Play after 1:30 PM	Yes

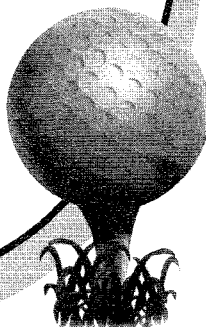
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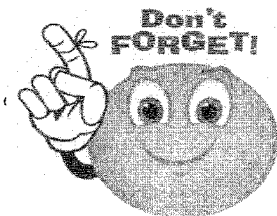
## golf tournaments



Opening Day Scramble will be 15 May - the band Seven Sundays will return for your listening pleasure. Opening Day tourney is a pick-your-own team format, start getting your players together. Other dates for this year's Club tournaments include: May 28-30th - Shorty Walker; June 12th - Couples Tourney; August 28th - Club Scramble; and September 3rd - 5th - Club Championship.

GIL FERREL

### REMINDER



Social MEMBERSHIPS expire March 31st

Cost: \$20

Due: April 1<sup>st</sup>

Can be purchased in 19<sup>th</sup> Hole or in Pro Shop)

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# DIRECTOR OF GOLF

February 2, 2011

I'm writing this article during one of the colder snaps of winter I can remember. Our weather station today registered at -25oF. At some point the annual bluegrass component of our greens (and to a lesser degree tees, approaches, and fairways) will succumb to extreme cold. Fortunately, the other component of our greens, creeping bentgrass, is much more hardy.

I could ramble on with a long explanation of why a weedy species like annual bluegrass thrives in our greens (it does so virtually world-wide, especially in cooler climates) and the difficulties of eradicating it once it has taken hold but for the sake of brevity, I won't. Suffice it to say that it is present, we don't want to lose it all at once, and it is similar enough in culture to bentgrass that simply spraying it out slowly is not something that has been developed yet by academia. We have however, done everything in our power to reduce its percentage of the turf sward in an attempt to have a dominance of bentgrass. A dominance of bentgrass means, among other benefits, that winter hardiness is improved.

Many of our practices, some that go unnoticed, and others that irritate, are intended to avoid a major turf loss event. Winterkill has been prevalent up and down the Front Range of the Rockies in recent years. We don't want our courses to fall victim and yet, total control, lies ultimately with Mother Nature.

In late October, as we were "shaggy out" the greens my staff and I received feedback from a few customers. Sometimes our explanations were received as legitimate and at other times they were seemingly met with disbelief. That's okay. I realize people want the best of conditions at all times and that technical explanations are sleep inducing. But I do think that occasionally explanations are needed and sometimes they are best if they come from the outside.

So, today while I was doing a bit of research I came across an article from the USGA Green Section Record dated Nov/Dec 2004. The following is a quote that addresses late season mowing heights, which I cannot stress enough, are only one aspect of our winter hardiness program.

*"Mowing height is critical to the plant's ability to prepare for winter weather. Excessively close mowing late in the year severely compromises the turf's natural defense mechanisms going into winter. Maximizing energy production via photosynthesis is essential to the hardening process. Surface area of the leaf is an important part of the equation. Energy is stored first in the leaves and then transported to the roots for use as winter reserves.*

*As a first step, set limits to how the greens will be prepared during the period of plant hardening. Pick a date and stop mowing the turf. It is no coincidence that turf on the collars often avoids crown hydration damage when grass on the greens is severely damaged.....All too often, focus is placed on putting green performance at a time of year when excessive conditioning could easily predispose turf to severe damage."*

There are no guarantees when dealing with winterkill. The best we can do is to prepare and hope for the best.

Update as of 2/22/11.....We have recently taken samples from the greens and brought them inside to warm up so that we can evaluate the level of winterkill present. The annual bluegrass definitely took a body blow from the exposed, -25oF stretch. Of the three samples we took, two greened up nicely with one showing some damage over half of the sample. We'll see what happens in a month or so.

Ron Conard  
Director of Golf  
City of Cheyenne  
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# ***From The Back Tee...***

Hi Gang,

As we roll into March, the golf season is close at hand so it is time for a few reminders.

All annual passes, handicaps, ace insurance, and social memberships are due April first. Those of you that have renewed will receive the April newsletter. Also, all handicaps will be deactivated on March first to get ready for the new season. Sorry to push things a bit but it makes it easier to keep tract and allows us to serve you better.

We will begin running golf cars as soon as the covers are removed and the greens are readied for play. We will check the cars in and out this year so we are going to ask that you take the car that is assigned and you bring back the key into the shop when your are finished playing. We are hashing around a key charge and refund upon return, but haven't decided yet.

Daily golf car prices will most likely increase. The increase will be necessary do to the cost of gas and general maintenance. We will announce the change in price in April.

The tournament schedule has come together and will be part of this publication. We will publish changes to the schedule as necessary. Please remember that although it looks like there are a lot of tournaments and not a lot of open play time, there is plenty. There may be situations where you might not get to play at a certain time, but the course will be open for play. The only time that the course closes completely for any tournament is during the Wyoming Open.

Lastly, high school golf will begin the first week of April.

Looking forward to good weather!!