

TEE TIMES

MARCH 2010

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY CLUB

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CLUB MANAGER'S CORNER

by Greg Kelsey

Spring Golf is just around the corner! The weather will be improving, and we can all hope for beautiful spring days, with plenty of rain at night.

As use of the course picks up, so does the clubhouse. Sunday nights in March we will have an **Asian "Stir-Fry Night"** featuring all you can eat wok-fried chicken or steak with fresh vegetables. On the 19th of March, join us for another of our great **Ocean Bounty Buffets!** We will have all of your favorites flown in for an extravagant array of seafood. Reservations are a must for this event, so call us by the 15th to reserve your share of the bounty! In addition to the club's special functions, keep us in mind for weekend dining. Our new dinner menu has been very well received – come out and try it for yourself and let us know what you think. If you are a vinophile, join us on the 26th for an **"around the world" tasting tour of fine wines** accompanied with plenty of hors d'oeuvres. On the first weekend of April, our **Easter Brunch** and the **Children's Egg Hunt** are always very popular club events – think about making your reservations now! As you can see, we have plenty of options to for you to use your club – we hope to see you soon!

OCEAN BOUNTY BUFFET!

Friday, March 19 • 6 to 9 pm

Ahoy all seafood lovers! The YCC Culinary staff will have loads of fresh fish and seafood flown in for this special evening of ocean delights!

Featuring:

- *New England Clam Chowder*
- *Jumbo Gulf Prawns*
- *Alaskan King Crab Legs*
- *Coquille St. Jacques*
- *Australian Lobster Tail*
- *Oysters on the ½ shell*
- *Fabulous Salads and Decadent Desserts!*
- *Carved Prime Rib*
(for ye land lubbers)
- *Much, much more!*



Call friends and make plans now to attend! To ensure enough fresh seafood for all, reservations **MUST** be made by March 15. Call 656-1701 to reserve your share of this fantastic ocean bounty!

Adults \$39.95 • Children \$17.95

YELLOWSTONE
COUNTRY CLUB



I won't even begin to tell you how sick I am of the weather. We go back many, many years to find the last time we did not play even one round of golf for three consecutive months. I can only say that your Pro Shop staff is ready for the season to begin. How ready you ask? Yesterday I had a wrong number phone call, and I talked to them for 12 minutes.

With the length of the off season, I thought it would be a good idea to help everyone get ready for the golf season through a regiment of exercises designed to stretch all the muscle groups we need to swing the golf club properly (see insert). Please pay special attention to the advice at the top of the page. We don't want the golf season delayed due to injury. Flexibility is so important in golf.

The older we get, the more necessary these exercises become. On the reverse side of the insert, is a list of golf events for the 2010 season. This promises to be a very busy season for organized events here at YCC.

Last week I was informed that the Ping Tour Van will be returning to Yellowstone Country Club. Once again they will be here for two days – Thursday, May 13 and Friday, May 14. For those of you who have not attended in previous years, this is your chance to be custom fit for golf clubs. The van will be carrying every shaft, flex, degree and all other variables that are available from Karsten Manufacturing Co. There will be two members of the Ping staff who do nothing but fit clubs 24-7-365. In addition to my sales rep from Boise, one member of your Pro Shop staff will be on site to assist in fitting the members of YCC with the proper equipment. Their hope is that once you try the Ping clubs, it will become your club of choice. But even if you do not desire their brand of equipment, they will be willing to help you determine the exact "specifications" necessary for you next purchase of clubs. We will be taking two "fitting reservations" every 45 minutes both days. Call the Pro Shop to sign up. The following Sunday, May 16 will be the multi-vendor Demo Day. Last year we had eight companies, including Adams, Callaway Cleveland, Cobra, Mizuno, Taylor Made, and Titleist. This will be your chance to actually hit and compare the newest golf equipment available.

New merchandise is starting to arrive. The bright colors really make me believe spring is near. Arrivals are staggered over the next four months, so new fashions will always be changing.

Shawna and I returned from the National PGA Merchandise in Orlando about a week ago. I know I can speak for the Pro Shop staff, and probably for every employee at YCC when I say, "Boy are we glad to be in Billings, Montana and at the Yellowstone Country Club." There are many, many stories about golf companies and golf facilities that are in trouble. I had a long talk with one of my PGA professionals from Michigan. 18 months ago his club was full with 420 members and about 10 on the waiting list. As we shared a cup of coffee at the show, he related that as of February 1, they had 270 members and were close to shutting down. With stories like that, you can understand why all your employees at YCC are happy to be serving you the members. We have always said it is the members who make the club, and Yellowstone Country Club is one of the finest in the country.

LADIES' GOLF KICKOFF MEETING

Tuesday, April 6
9 am in the club ballroom

Complimentary brunch!

Pro Shop style show!

Play to follow
(weather permitting)

Dues will be collected –
cash or check only



Memo from the Membership Committee:

Each winter, the waiting list to join YCC shrinks. This year is no exception. In a typical year the waiting list will begin to grow in March and peak in June or July. In years past our waiting list sometimes meant a wait of over two years. Right now, anyone who signs up should be a member before the season really gets underway. I'm sure we all know of someone who is considering joining YCC. Help us spread the word. Right now they should be able to get in right away. For more information, contact the Club Office or Pro Shop.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Donna L. Fiveland
New Resident Member

Rodney T. (Michelle) Hartman
Resident Resignation

Larry J. (Patricia) Heimsness
Resident Resignation

Kevin L. (Pamela) Richau
Resident Resignation

Kevin J. (Teresa) Sandstead
New Resident Member

Mary B. Stultz
New Resident Member



IN MEMORIAM

J. Knox Pannill

GOLF FLEXIBILITY EXERCISES

Do stretching gently and hold the position, *no bouncing, abrupt forcing or jerking*. Warm-up before stretching with some light jogging-in-place or jumping jacks.



1. Lace fingers and extend hands upwards; 15 seconds. (Hands, fingers and shoulders).



2. Hands and arms behind head, 15 seconds each side.



3. With golf club or towel stretch back; 15 seconds. (Shoulders)



4. Feet flat on the floor, twist and place hands on the wall; 30 seconds each side. (Hips and obliques)



5. Keep the heel of the rear leg on the floor; 30 seconds each leg. (Lower leg)



6. Grab foot with opposing hand, pull toward buttocks till stretch is felt and hold; 15 seconds each leg. (Quadriceps)



7. Put elbow behind the head and gently pull toward center of back until stretch is felt and hold; 15 seconds each arm. (Shoulders)



8. Form a tight ball position and rock back and forth; about 8 to 10 times. (Back)



9. Keeping shoulders flat, swing knee to floor till stretch is felt and hold; 15 seconds each leg. (Iliotibial band)



10. Sitting upright, place feet together and push gently down on knees until stretch is felt and hold; 30 seconds. (Groin)



11. Grab ankle or shin and hold; 30 seconds each leg. (Hamstrings)



12. Sit backward toward heels till stretch is felt and hold; 20 seconds (Wrists)

2010 YCC TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

APRIL	6	TUE	LADIES KICKOFF
	14	WED	SENIOR KICKOFF
	26	MON	SENIOR INTERCLUB
MAY	4	TUE	TUESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE STARTS
	7-8	FRI-SAT	SCRATCH TEAM-UP
	10	MON	PRO AM
	14	FRI	LADIES NIGHT OUT
	13-14	THUR-FRI	PING FITTING VAN
	16	SUN	MULTI VENDOR DEMO DAY
	17	MON	GREEN AERIFY
JUNE			
	8-9	TUE -WED	JACK LAMB MEMORIAL
	11	FRI	PRO LADY
	21-22	MON-TUE	PAR TEE
	28	MON	FORTIN
JULY			
	8-10	THU-SAT	ROUNDUP
	21-24	WED-SAT	MONTANA STATE AMATURE
	30	FRI	JUNIOR INVITATIONAL
AUG.			
	1	SUN	TUESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE FINALS
	2	MON	WENDY'S
	3-4	TUE-WED	LADIES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
	7-8	SAT-SUN	MENS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
	13-14	FRI-SAT	LADIES MEMBER-MEMBER
	17	MON	GREEN AERIFY
	31	TUE	RALLY FOR A CURE
SEPT.			
	10	FRI	BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
	13	MON	RONALD MCDONALD CHILDRENS DIABETES PRO AM
	14	TUE	LAST GASP
	15	WED	SENIOR MEMBER-GUEST
	17-18	FRI-SAT	MEN'S MEMBER-MEMBER
	24	SAT	SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

COUPLES FUN NIGHTS

MAY 21 JUNE 4 JUNE 18 JULY 16 AUG. 27

STATE AND COUNTY EVENTS

MENS STATE AM	JULY 21-24	YELLOWSTONE C. C.
LADIES STATE AM	JULY 23 - 26	THE RANCH - MISSOULA
STATE MID AM	AUG. 12-14	LAUREL G. C.
SENIORS COUNTY AM	AUG. 16-17	PRYOR CREEK
STATE SENIORS		HELENA
MENS COUNTY AM	SEPT 11-12	PETER YEGEN
LADIES COUNTY AM	SEPT. 11-12	BRIARWOOD

www.yellowstonecc.com

The best private golf club in the region now has a website to match! If you have provided an e-mail to us, you should have received login information to the Club's new website. [yellowstonecc.com](http://www.yellowstonecc.com) is still under construction and expansion; but it already looks great. The site features an interactive golf course description, member events, a photo gallery, and facility information. A secure "members-only" section provides you online access to the past year's statements, the membership directory and by-laws. If you have not received login information for the members-only section, please contact the office and provide your e-mail.



Over the coming months we will continue to enhance the website. As Spring melts the snow and Summer brings green grass and poolside fun, we will be adding more photos and features to the website. Meanwhile, make [yellowstonecc.com](http://www.yellowstonecc.com) your new home page and watch the site for member activities, club news and an expanding photo gallery. Be sure to share the site with friends and family.

SUNDAY NIGHT STIR-FRY BAR

Every Sunday evening in March enjoy all you can eat Chinese Stir-Fry cuisine! Choose from Chicken or Steak, wok-fried to order with fresh vegetables and sauces served on Asian noodles or steamed rice.

Adults \$9.95

Children 5-12 \$5.50

4 and under FREE

Reservations please 656-1701



FREE WINE!

Friday, March 26 • 6 to 9 pm

Gather your friends for a kind-hearted toast, and discover which wines you enjoy the most!

Please join us for an evening of wine, food and fun on Friday, March 26. We will have an "around the world" sampling of great wines paired with great hors d'oeuvres. Get a group together and make reservations for this fun, casual and informative evening.

\$20 per person (O.K., the wine is free but the rest is not!) Please call the YCC office at 656-1701.



SUNDAY BRUNCH AT THE ALIBI

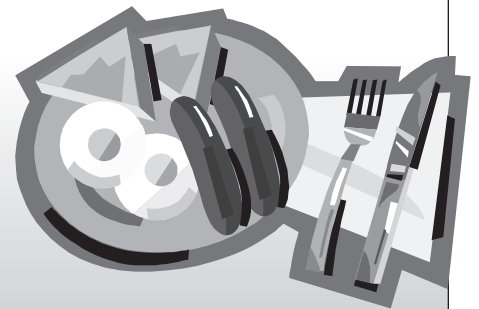
Join us on Sunday, March 28, for a Sunday Brunch Buffet downstairs at the club!

Featuring all your breakfast favorites including:

- Eggs Benedict
- Grand Marnier French Toast
- Potatoes O'Brien
- Fresh Asparagus with Hollandaise
- Cheddar Scrambled Eggs
- Bacon & Sausage
- Fresh Fruits and Berries
- Fresh baked pastries
- Much more!

9:30 am to 1 pm

Adults \$9.95 • Children 5-12 \$5.50 • 4 and under FREE



MARCH DINING HOURS

GARDEN/ SUNSET ROOM

(Reservations Please!)

Friday & Saturday:
6 to 9 pm

Sunday:
5 to 8 pm

ALIBI ROOM

Monday:
(if golf weather only)
Soup & Sandwiches
11 am to 3 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday
& Friday:
11 am to 3 pm

Thursday:
10 am to 8 pm

Saturday & Sunday:
8 am to 3 pm

LADIES' MARATHON BRIDGE

Wednesday,
March 10 and 24

MARATHON BRIDGE LUNCHEON!

Join us on
Wednesday, April 7!
Bridge at 9:30 am with Lunch
to be served at 12:15 pm



CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT & LUNCH

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

11:30 am to 12:30 pm – Family Lunch Buffet

Chicken Strips, Pizzas, Lasagna, Mini Corn Dogs,
Burgers, Deli Sandwiches, Fruits & Vegetables,
Easter Cookies and more!

Adults \$7.95
Children 5-12 \$4.75
4 and under FREE

12:30 pm – Easter Egg Hunt for 3 Age Groups

4 & Under (12:30 pm) • 5 thru 8 (12:35 pm)
9 to 12 (12:40 pm)

Fun, Games and Prizes!

Please call for reservations so we can
be sure to have enough for every child!



EASTER BRUNCH BUFFET

SUNDAY, APRIL 4 • 9:30 AM TO 1:30 PM

Make reservations now to join the
Easter Bunny for our always-popular
YCC Easter Brunch.



A fabulous array of
all your brunch
favorites and
then some!

- Fresh Baked Pastries • Fresh Fruits
- Assorted Salads • Smoked Salmon
- Bacon & Sausages • Scrambled Eggs
- Potatoes O'Brien • Eggs Benedict
- Full Omelette Bar
- Grand Marnier French Toast
- Fresh Asparagus • Carved Turkey
- Roast Leg of Lamb
- Honey Glazed Ham
- Juices and Coffee

Adults \$17.95 • Children 5-12 \$8.95
4 and under FREE

Make your reservations now for these events by calling 656-1701

GROUNDS REPORT

by Joe Stribley, Superintendent

Global Warming, My Grass

We poured concrete November 30 and have been closed ever since. Obviously this winter brings doubt to global warming as we creep up on 90 days of snow cover. My twenty-nine years of job related weather trivia sees this as not normal. Maybe the polar bears will come south.

As always the turf is enjoying the break. Snow provides turf the best insulation and protection from drastic temperatures and wind desiccation it so often faces in our winters. Though last fall and so far this winter we had minimal wind.

The downside is no golf for you, but also concern for ice forming under the snow. Also the environment created for snow mold. We have preventative fungicide applications down on greens and tees, but their length of effectiveness is always a concern.

We are prepared to use a large snow blower and are monitoring these conditions. A good chinook wind would be ideal, followed with moderate temperatures and of course a little golf. Where is global warming when you need it?