

TEE TIMES

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY CLUB

APRIL 2011

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- Joe Stribley, Greens Superintendent
- Steve Handley, Tennis Professional
- Paul Allen, Emeritus Golf Pro

CLUB MANAGER'S CORNER

By Greg Kelsey

I would like to take the opportunity to use this edition of the *Tee Times* to explain some of the workings of the Club, primarily how your dues are budgeted. The majority of dues income is spent on the day to day operational costs of the Club from grass seed to wages to liability insurance to popcorn. However, approximately 30% of your dues are allocated to capital projects and purchases. Capital expenditures normally refer to investments in the Club to increase its value, increase member comfort, or maximize employee productivity. These projects generally start as requests from the membership, board committees or Club management. Recent capital projects include cart paths, tee box reconstruction, a new furnace for the clubhouse and new golf carts. Capital assets deteriorate over time and must regularly be replaced or rebuilt. This year some additional capital items will include resurfacing areas of the parking lot, two mowers, bridge replacement, a new diving board, men's restroom remodel, concrete paths and other kitchen, dining, bar and golf course equipment purchases.

Every year the appeals for capital projects far exceed the monies available. The different committees of the Board pare down these requests based on the need, value, potential savings, and possible costs of delay. These committee lists are then presented to the Board of Directors as a whole and are again discussed and prioritized to meet the budget. These decisions are not made lightly; and the Board of Directors takes stewardship of your money seriously. Through careful planning the Club is able to maintain and improve your facilities without the assessments common to other private clubs. Following a thoughtful process, the Board of Directors is able to plan for major projects as well. The 1.8 million dollar sprinkler system completed in 2009 is an example of a very large capital project. In spite of a total cost exceeding a full year's of member dues, this project was completed with no assessment on the membership because of diligent multi-year planning.

If you have any ideas regarding the operation of your Club, please feel free to contact me anytime to discuss them. With the weather looking up and with a nearly full membership, this summer promises to be a great one – see you at the Club!

Sushi Night

Friday, April 8th

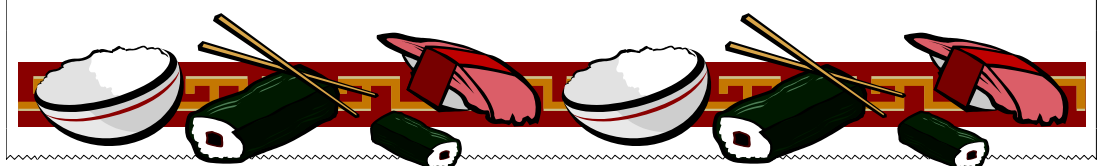
6 to 9 pm \$32/person



An extensive search of the finest available seafood, perfectly timed Air Express shipments, and many hours of meticulous hand preparation combine to bring YCC members another extraordinary selection of mouth watering sashimi and sushi rolls. The wide selection ensures everyone will go home delightfully satisfied; even sushi beginners will love this special member event. All seafood is harvested from U.S. waters. Get a group together and call soon. Reservations must be limited for this event so please call early! 656-1701 Add a glass of fine wine and this is the perfect start to your weekend!!



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Pro Shop News by Bob Eames

We DID it. After 114 days (6 days short of 1/3 of a year) your golf course finally reopened. I've never been so happy to answer the phone or call people to the 1st tee. Last weekend I even got reminded when you open the cash register, a bell rings. Oh what a wonderful sound that is.

I need to report 2 errors in the golf calendar that you received in last month's *Tee Times*. 1). Tuesday night league will start on May 17th, not the 3rd. 2). Wendy's A Waiting Child golf tournament will be held on Aug. 5th, not the 8th as reported.

We do have two club events during the month of April. The Ladies Kickoff is set for April 5th, and the Senior Kickoff will be held on Wednesday April 13th.

Due to tremendous member support, the Ping Fitting Van will once again be at YCC for 2 days in May. Anyone who is interested in getting fit for new equipment should give the pro shop a call for an appointment. The Ping representatives are experts in the art of fitting and they have a \$20,000 Launch Monitor to assist them. Even if you want a different brand of clubs, an appointment will give us the proper measurements for your new set. Appointments can be made from 10 am to 5 pm on Wednesday, May 11th, & from 9 am to 3 pm on Thursday, May 12th. Call the pro shop to secure an appointment. The number of vendors for our multi vendor Demo Day is still growing. The date is Saturday May 14th. Right now, we have commitments from Titleist, Cobra, & Nike.

Beginning Lady lessons will be held on the first 4 Tuesdays during the month of May at 10 am. This series of lessons will cost \$60. It is a wonderful way to learn the fundamentals of the golf swing, and meet other beginning golfers. The first lesson on May 4th will be on short iron play so bring your 7 or 8 iron, and plan to attend. We are also accommodating our novice lady golfers who work or have small children at home. For these beginners, we will have a Saturday afternoon session at 2 pm that will teach the same fundamentals. Now you have no excuses!

The Titleist Company has announced a special "imprint" ball offer. Anyone who orders 3 dozen Pro V1 or Pro V1X with their name or Company name, will get a 4th dozen FREE. This offer is good for 3 dozen only, and will run from April 1st - April 14th. Now that I think of it one could do 3 dozen with their name, and 3 dozen with their "business", and thus get 8 dozen balls for the price of 6 dozen.

The response from membership concerning the "Private Club Network" that was previewed in last month's bulletin has been fantastic. Right now YCC's membership is being finalized; and an information packet with all the participating clubs will be coming your way in a couple of weeks. If anyone is going out of town before their packet arrives, please call me at the pro shop. I can give you the proper procedure for securing your \$25 tee time.

On a final note: With the warmer weather, we have seen new applications for membership. Our membership should be full after the April Board meeting placing us in a small percentage of Country Clubs in the United States with full membership! We should all be proud to be part of such a vibrant private club. With that in mind, I encourage you to get out and use your wonderful facility.

Grounds Report

by Joe Stribley, Greens Superintendent

The first day of spring gave hope until we got a snowy reminder March 22 that "it's not over til it's over." We were open for a few days and things look good considering the length and extremes this winter has shown us. Concerns for moisture and sub soil moisture are obviously not on the spring radar, but this too can change quickly.

Our first focus is to get the golf course cleaned up before mowing begins. No matter how clean the course is in the fall there is debris throughout in the spring. Light sand topdressing is used on the greens at this time to improve smoothness and encourage soil temperatures to rise. Heavier applications are used on approaches now and throughout the season as we are trying to get the approaches to be firmer.

One project we will be completing this spring will be new bridges left of #2 green and left of #7 green. This will also include finishing those cart paths at these bridges, leaving only 6 green to complete the front nine paths. The bridge left at 4 fairway will also be replaced. More cart paths will be addressed throughout this year as schedules allow.

The open holes on #3 fairway past the road are a sign of how quick the winter arrived. We were in the process of pulling in a new conduit for phone and internet service and then it was winter. This will also be completed soon. Lots to do, and hope to see you all out on the course.

Sunday Night Fajita Bar



Sunday evenings in April from 5 to 8 pm enjoy all you can eat chicken and steak fajitas! Prepared to

order at our special Garden Room Fajita Bar. Complete with refried beans and Spanish rice. Adults \$9.95, Children 5-12, \$5.50, Under 5 free.

Reservations Please

656-1701

(not available Elvis Night, 4/17)



In Memoriam:

Robert H. Smith, Sr.

Sunday Night Supper
ELVIS PRESLEY NIGHT

SUNDAY, APRIL 17 5 TO 8 PM

Join us for a casual and fun Sunday night supper featuring Graceland style comfort food, music & video of *The King*.



MENU:

- *Memphis BBQ Chicken
- *Love Me Tender Meatloaf
- *Fried Tennessee Catfish
- *Tossed Greens Salad Bar
- *Potato Salad
- *Fried Pickles
- *Green Bean Casserole
- *Graceland Mashed Potatoes with Country Gravy
- *Elvis Presley Pound Cake
- *Fried peanut Butter, Banana & Tupelo Honey Sandwiches

Only \$12.00 per person
 Reservations please, 656-1701

CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT & LUNCH

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

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!

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

- *4 & Under (12:30 pm)
 - *Ages 5—8 (12:35 pm)
 - *Ages 9—12 (12:40 pm)
- Fun, Games and Prizes!!

Please call for reservations so we can assure there is enough for every child!

Adults \$7.95,
 Children 5-12 \$4.75
 4 and Under FREE!



EASTER BRUNCH BUFFET

SUNDAY APRIL 24 9:30 AM TO 1:30 PM

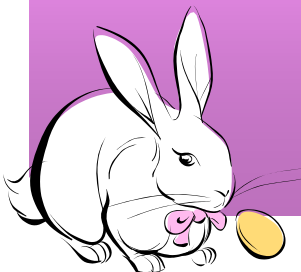
Make reservations now to join the Easter Bunny for our always popular YCC Easter Brunch.



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

- * Fresh Fruits
- * Assorted Salads
- * Bacon & Sausage
- * Potatoes O'Brien
- * Full Omelet Bar
- * Grand Marnier French Toast
- * Fresh Asparagus
- * Roast Leg of Lamb
- * Honey Glazed Ham
- * Juices & Coffee
- * Fresh Baked Pastries
- * Smoked Salmon
- * Scrambled Eggs
- * Eggs Benedict
- * Carved Turkey
- * Much, Much More!!

Adults \$18.95
 Children 5-12 \$9.50
 4 and Under FREE!



APRIL DINING HOURS

GARDEN/ SUNSET ROOM

(Reservations Please!)

Friday & Saturday:

6 to 9 pm

Sunday: 5 to 8 pm

ALIBI ROOM

Monday:

(only open if golf weather)

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

We're on the web:

yellowstonecc.com

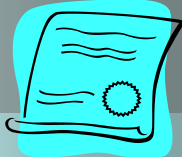
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Marathon Bridge Luncheon



April 6th

MEMBERSHIP REPORT



Janet K. (James) Haar – Resident resignation

Mark E. (Teri) Pattee – Resident resignation

Robert B. Rhodes – Social resignation

Robert G. (Julie) Smith – transfer from Junior to Resident

TENNIS TIMES 2011, by Steve Handley

Although it is still early spring and this winter has been one to last forever, the tennis season at YCC is not that far away. For your planning, this is the schedule for the summer lessons programs. Please read carefully and call me (Steve, at 259-4709) if you have any questions or concerns. Once again this year, we will provide group youth lessons on a week-by-week basis, starting on Monday, June 13, and finishing on Friday, August 19 (a total of eight weeks). Please note, due to other commitments, there will NOT be group lessons on July 4th (the Firecracker Special) nor will there be lessons for the period from July 13 to July 22. Group lessons will restart Monday, July 25 and will continue as normal through Friday, August 19.

All youth group lessons will be on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. If necessary due to weather, adjustments will be made for lessons missed. The cost for each week will be \$15.00, with each week covering all of the strokes in a gently progressive manner. You may join in or finish up whenever you feel it best fits your summer schedule. We want to be flexible to meet your needs. We will work with groups according to the schedule below:

	COURT ONE	COURT TWO
8:00	"Newcomers" 4,5,6	"Newcomers" 4,5,6
9:00	Beginners 7,8,9	Beginners 7,8,9
10:00	Intermediates 7,8	Intermediates 9,10
11:00	Intermediates 11,12	Intermediates 13,14
12:00	Advanced Girls	Advanced Boys

In addition to the youth group lessons above, private and small group lessons are available by request. Also, competitions for area tournaments and the annual Firecracker Special for our young players will be posted and scheduled as appropriate.

Several other tennis activities are also planned this year. We will be working with the Billings City Parks and Recreation to encourage tennis for all players at all levels. There will be rallies, carnivals, clinics, tournaments, and more! Please check with our pro shop to find out what's being offered in Billings and in our area. It is our desire that everyone get out and "get into the game!"

Remember, last year the Board of Directors raised the Guest Fee to \$5.00 per guest for each hour-and-a-half of play. That Guest Fee should be paid at the Tennis Pro Shop or to the YCC Main Office. It is the member's responsibility to ensure that the Fee is paid for each time of play and that members are present on court. We have made many improvements – new patio and new windscreens! Come on out and let us show you around!

It may be spring, but now is a good time to check your tennis gear to make sure you're ready for the warmer weather. Our full-service pro shop can restring, regrip, repair and replace whatever's needed. Wilson Racquet Sports (I'm an exclusive dealer) has a great line of new racquets, and we would love to get on court with you and have you demo them. We will give you the best service and best price in Billings. Give Steve a call at 259-4709 for a demo/lesson with the new Wilson BLX frames. Call me if you have any questions about the schedule above.

CERTIFIED BLACK ANGUS PRIME RIB WEEKEND

Enjoy the "King of Beef" as we special the very best Black Angus Prime available!

April 29 & 30

In the Garden and Sunset Rooms

King Size Cut:	\$24.00
Queen Cut :	\$21.00
Petite Cut:	\$16.00



Accompanied with Tossed Salad, Yorkshire Pudding, Baked Potato and all the Fixin's! Reserve Today! 656-1701