



JULY 2010

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY CLUB

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CLUB MANAGER'S CORNER

by Greg Kelsey

It's hard to believe that June has come and gone already. I know we all have been feeling as though summer is never going to get started, but I am sure by the time you read this we will be in the midst of it! Although a small portion of our summer has slipped by, your club still has plenty to offer in the upcoming months. Now is the time to get the most from your membership!

July of course brings with it the most prestigious member-guest tournament in our area, **The Roundup!** If you haven't already signed up for this fantastic social/golf event on the 8th, 9th & 10th, do so NOW! Our fourth couples **"Fun Night"** tournament of the summer is on July 16 with an **Oriental Buffet** dinner following golf! Our **Wednesday Night cookouts** continue to be popular, and with July's improved weather, are sure to be well attended. Make reservations as early as possible if you plan to join us!

Remember that the **Montana Men's State Amateur Tournament** is at the YCC this year to be held July 21-24. Feel free to come out and join the gallery to see Montana's best golfers battle it out!

In the month of August, the **ladies' club championship** is on the 3rd and 4th; our eighth annual **kidz campout** is on Friday the 6th – a great sleepover event for our younger "members." The **men's club championship** is on the 7th and 8th. The **ladies' member-member tournament** is scheduled for the 13th and 14th, and the **"Rally for a Cure"** tournament on the 31st – all the ladies are guaranteed some great days of golf and fun!

Finishing out the month, our last couples "Fun Night" is on the 27th.

FYI – Joe has been cutting the fringe around the greens a little lower per suggestions from the membership, and it seems to be a positive result. Please leave any suggestions you may have in the Alibi Room suggestion box regarding ANY of your club operations.

As you can see, there is plenty of activity at your club, so don't get left out – join in! See you at the club!

INDEPENDENCE DAY POOLSIDE PICNIC

SUNDAY, JULY 4 • 3 TO 7 PM

- Food, Fun & Games for the whole family!
- Free Sno-Cones, Cotton Candy, Sodas and Beer!
- Toys, Pool Games, Egg Toss, Dunking Booth, Clowns + More!
- Dinner Buffet with Burgers, Dogs, Fried Chicken, BBQ Pork, Salads, Corn on the Cob, Watermelon, Pies and Ice Cream and many other summertime favorites!

Adults \$15.95 • Children (5-12) \$7.95 • 4 and under FREE



Reservations please: 656-1701

GROUNDS REPORT

by Cody Schulke, Assistant Superintendent

Have you ever wondered where the water comes from that irrigates the golf course? There are two sources that supply YCC, the Cove Ditch and the High Ditch. Both originate from the Yellowstone River between Park City and Columbus. However, cost, availability, quantity, and supply to the course differ.

The Cove is our primary source and the highest ditch in the valley, which also flows through YCC. The golf course owns 51 shares in the company at a cost of about \$1,200 per year. There is an additional \$785 pumping fee per year, because we use water north of the water rights. For less than \$2,000 a year it's like having unlimited water. A lot of free water rights were given out when it was expanded through the valley, therefore it lacks money and resources to start and maintain the ditch efficiently throughout the year.

The High Ditch, our secondary source, is located a mile south of the golf course. At this location there is a 40hp pump that is capable of delivering 1 million gallons in 24 hours to the pond west of the maintenance facility. YCC pays a yearly pumping fee of \$1,926 and a charge of \$4,000 that goes towards the maintenance of the ditch. There is an additional monthly charge from the power meter on the pump. Therefore, the cost for this ditch depends on the amount of the water being pumped from the High Ditch per month.

On average 21 million gallons is pumped per season from the high ditch, but in 1998, 41 million gallons were pumped. This was because the Cove Ditch was shut down for several weeks and the only source was to pump from the High Ditch. In 2007 for the first time, the Fish and Wildlife shut down usage to those who acquired water rights after the late 70s. This was because of low stream flow in the Yellowstone River. In addition, this could potentially be a serious problem if the snow pack in the mountains continues to be less every year. The water rights on the High Ditch allow us to use over 400 million gallons per season. On average only 95 million gallons of water is used per season on the golf course.

The Cove and High Ditch aren't turned on until April 15, so whatever water is left in the ponds after winter has to last until then. Once the ditches are turned on near Columbus, it takes about a month until it makes it to the storage ponds. Together the two storage ponds can store about 13 million gallons. This may sound like a lot, but in one night, over 1 million gallons is required to replace the high evapotranspiration rates in peak summer. Therefore, there would only be two weeks worth of irrigation if both ditches were shut down during the irrigation season. Before the ditches are shut down for winter, the ponds are filled to capacity.

Both ditches travel a long distance through some rocky and difficult terrain. With more housing developments being built on the west end maintaining both ditches becomes more difficult. YCC is very fortunate to have access to the water rights on these two ditches. We are also fortunate to pay such a small price for the amount of water we use to irrigate the golf course.

PRO SHOP NEWS

by Bob Eames, PGA Golf Professional

I can not believe I am writing the July edition of the newsletter. Finally we are starting to have some golf weather. Maybe summer is actually going to appear. I must warn you, your Pro Shop does not want to hear any complaints about it being too hot.

I would like to thank all those who participated in the two demo days we had here at YCC. We had good participation, and your support is greatly appreciated.

We had a great turnout for both couples fun nights. Winning the gross division of the 1st event was Curt Finnicum and Julie Degner. Net winners included Chris & Marlene Carstens, Tony & Jenny Typanski, and Mike & Jill Follett. The second event held in June turned out to be a wash out. The Pro Shop was a little late in bringing everyone off the course, and most got SOAKED. However, we did sell some dry clothes (Marketing class 201).

We will be reporting the results of the Ladies' Member-Guest next month, but with 5 days until the event starts, we have a record 50 entries. The ladies' committee has worked hard to insure a successful event.

The Roundup is getting close to full. This year's Member-Guest is scheduled for July 8, 9 & 10. If you haven't already signed up, please do so. Major outside events still to come are Wendy's A Waiting Child on August 3rd, the Boy's and Girl's Club on September 10th and the Ronald McDonald Pro Am on September 13th.

We would like to thank all the kids that participated in this year's junior lesson program. We had an increased turnout in both age groups. We only hope the kids had as much fun as Chad and Bob did. Next year we hope to have even more kids participate.

We are definately in full swing with the improving weather. Please take the opportunity to join us on the course. If there is anything the Pro Shop can do to make your golfing experience more enjoyable, please don't hesitate to let us know. Once again, THANK YOU for your support.

17TH ANNUAL LADIES' MEMBER-MEMBER August 13 & 14

Friday (5 pm shotgun) and
Saturday (8 am shotgun)

Hosted Hors d'oeuvres following Friday play,
No-Host Lunch and awards following
Saturday play.

Sign up in the ladies' locker room.

LADIES' CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

August 3 & 4

Sign-up in the Pro Shop



"COOKIN' UP A PAR-TEE" COOKBOOKS!

Available for sale in the Pro Shop! A great collection of recipes from YCC family and friends. Get yours now – only \$10!

2010 MEN'S MEMBER-MEMBER TOURNAMENT

Friday and Saturday,
September 17 & 18

Find a partner and get signed up now for the fun!



BRIDGE NEWS

Please register NOW for the 2010-11 season. Team sign-up will be accepted in the club office now through August 15. All team money, payable to YCC MARATHON BRIDGE (\$22 per team), is due in the club office by August 15. Any changes in partners or phone numbers, etc. should be reported to Barbara Muir (256-6099), Bunny Allen (259-7454) or Marilyn Ballard (652-2014). Have a great Summer!

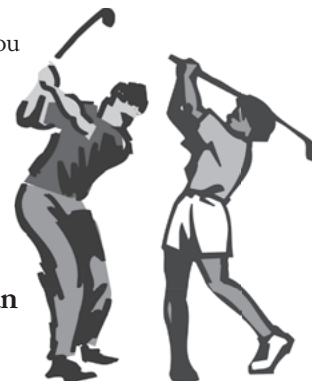


COUPLES FUN NIGHT!

Call your friends to create your own sixsome or have the Pro Shop team you up – either way, this is a no pressure and fun way to play couples golf and meet other members!

\$40 per couple includes Flag Prizes and a Hosted Oriental Buffet dinner in the Alibi Room following golf.

Friday, June 18 • 5:30 pm shotgun
Sign-up in the Pro Shop!



YCC ROUNDUP 2010



JULY 8, 9 & 10

Preparations for the 51st annual Roundup Golf Tournament are well under way. We hope you have made plans to participate in Roundup, the highlight of the golf season at our club. A fantastic social event with a great golf tournament!

Registration in Pro Shop or the club office.

"Yellowstone's Roundup is the finest golfing event I have attended... without exception..."

Dennis Erickson, Head Coach ASU Sun Devils

"The course is immaculate, the staff is extraordinary, every aspect of the Roundup is well run. YCC members should be proud of this exceptional event."

Sonny Holland, MSU Bobcats Hall-of-Fame Player and Coach

JULY DINING HOURS

GARDEN/ SUNSET ROOM

(Reservations Please!)

*Wednesday
(poolside cookout):
6 to 9 pm*

*Friday & Saturday:
6 to 9 pm*

*Sunday:
5 to 8 pm*

ALIBI ROOM

*Monday:
11 am to 4 pm*

*Tuesday, Thursday
& Friday:
8 am to 9 pm*

*Wednesday:
8 am to 5 pm*

*Saturday:
7 am to 9 pm*

*Sunday:
7 am to 4 pm*

MEMO FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

Do you know of anyone who is considering joining YCC? In years past our waiting list sometimes meant a wait of over 2 years. Right now, anyone who signs up should be a member well before autumn. Help us spread the word. For more information, contact the club office or Pro Shop.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

David R. (Janey) Eames
New Resident Applicant

Kyle A. (Jacqie) Gee
New Social Member

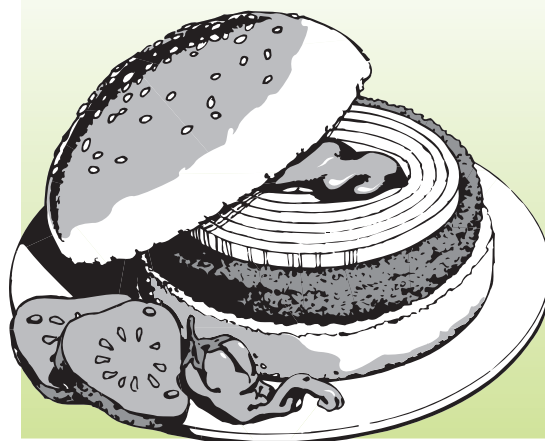
Daniel L. Judge
New Junior Member

William D. (Bonnie) Walters
*Transfer from Non-Resident
to Resident*

Langdon G. (Joyce) Williams
Transfer from Senior to Social



SUNDAY NIGHT PATIO BISTRO



*Every Sunday evening from
5 to 8 pm on the patio – join us
for dinner from our Garden
Room Menu, or choose from
several casual bistro specials
including Salads, Ribs, Steaks,
Salmon and our *Build Your
Own Burger Bar.**

*Please make reservations –
656-1701*

POOLSIDE COOKOUTS

Every Wednesday evening from 6 to 9 pm.

Join us for a delicious salad bar buffet
plus backyard barbecue-style dinner fare!

Burgers • Ribs • Steaks • Seafood • Chicken Much More!

Reservations a must for this very popular club event! 656-1701



Wednesday, July 21 – SPECIAL
“STATE-AM” PATIO BBQ BUFFET! 6 to 9 pm