APRIL 2025



# BUFFALO GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER



## From The Club

Hello Buffalo Golfers,

To answer everyone's question, we can now say that we will be opening on April 9th! With that said this would be a good time to update everyone on what has taken place at the course the last few months. First and foremost, we are happy to announce that our new Superintendent is Jeff Lipics. Some of you have met Jeff over the last week and we are all excited to have him join us at Buffalo Golf Club. Jeff comes with a wealth of experience having served as the Head Superintendent at the same course for the last 25+ years. He has been here a week and has hit the ground running.

This winter we began a cart path project to remove most all of the old asphalt paths that were in dire need of repair. The removed paths have been filled in with soil and will be seeded at the appropriate time. While that seed is waiting to grow in you will notice those areas being roped off, so please pay attention to avoiding those areas while making your way around the course. Obviously, there were other options to fill in those paths, both concrete & sod were considered but it was hard to justify the price when considering we were working with nearly 3.5 miles of removed path. We have left the paths around tees & greens and there are still areas where new concrete will be put in place when resources and funds are available.

During the winter we trimmed up many of the pines that line fairways. When it comes to appearance, playability and turf health this was something that needed to be done. The areas where they have been trimmed look great and we are excited to see how they turf health is effected, as we have seen those bare spots getting larger around each tree over the years.

One other thing you will notice during your first round will be the new bridges. As everyone knows they were beyond the point of repair, and we had somebody generously volunteer their time to build us new ones over the last few weeks. Some of these bridges will even be accessible for carts; the one between holes 10 & 18 will be one of these!

Many questions have arisen with private carts this winter. These have been rules for many years and although they seem very obvious I would like to address them now. This is a reminder that anybody with a cart shed may not let others use their cart while they are not present. The only people that are permitted to use it, are those that are under your season pass category with a driver's license. If you have a private cart, you must be in that cart, friends or family not included on your season pass are not allowed to use your cart if you are not in it with them.

We have also spruced up the restaurant this winter as well, it certainly feels more warm and welcoming to us and we hope you feel the same when you walk in. Between the restaurant face lift, cart paths, bridges, new 150 yard markers, range tee dividers and tree work we have had a lot of extra investment into the course this winter; both in manpower and finances. Despite these upgrades we were able to maintain our same rates from last season, I am thrilled we are able to accomplish all of these things while keeping our fees the same as last season.

We look forward to seeing all of you soon and thank you again to all volunteers and our grounds crew for all of their hard work this winter. As always with the beginning of the season, there is the chance of frost during many mornings. If there is frost, we will place signage by the pro shop, please do not use any facilities if you see the frost sign posted.

Thanks Dan Ashley

## UPCOMING EVENTS

OPENING DAY - April 9th

High School Invitational - April 11th

5 Person Pro-AM Scramble - April 19th

Men's League Draft - April 24th @ 7:00 PM

Foundation Par 3 Tournament - April 26th

First Day of Mens League - May 1st

First Day of Ladies League - May 6th

# From The Superintendent

Hello Buffalo,

I am your new golf course superintendent, all the way from Pennsylvania. I started working on a golf course 35 years ago. In that time I received my turf degree from Penn State, worked as an assistant in New Jersey, and most recently as a superintendent at the same club since 2001. I may be new to Buffalo, but not Wyoming. I have been to Wyoming often for archery season and knew it was a place I would like to live.

Writing this, I have just completed my first week. A week that started with 40 degrees, 2 foot snow drifts and 19 covered greens. It was a pleasure to be greeted with an experienced crew. With just a short meet and greet, we went right to work and in no time it felt like we had worked together for seasons. Admittedly it was an odd feeling for me, being the only one that didn't know where we were on the course. Nonetheless, the week ended with 70 degrees, no snow, all the covers off, and the greens in fine shape. We were able to move right onto course clean up.

To those of you that I have already met, and there are many, I'd like to thank you for all the assistance. Everyone has been extremely helpful with my relocation. With that help, the whole process has gone smoothly (finding a house to buy being the only exception). My family will join me later this summer. I look forward to getting to know the rest of you. See you on the course.

Jeff Lipics



### **APRIL HOURS**

#### **Kitchen Hours**

Friday & Saturday 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM Sunday 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

#### **Beginning April 10th**

We will also be open Thursdays from 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM













#### 2025 Season Pass Holder Application

Please mail to: Buffalo Golf Club, Inc. PO Box 759 Buffalo, WY 82834

Golf	Season	Pass	Hol	der:

Single punch card:	\$550	Names:
*(20) 9-hole rounds; weekdo		
Single	\$750	
Couple	\$1,100	Mailing Address:
Family	\$1,300	City/State/Zip:
Student (under 25)	\$185	
Cart Shed Lease:	\$500	Primary Phone:
*Signed lease and fee due by April 1st		Email Addresses:
Handicap Fee (per person):	\$50	
*Please pay handicap fee with your dues.		*Email addresses required for online booking and for club communications.
Men's League Team Sponsor	\$100	
*Sponsor only. Captain entry not inclu on next page.	ided. Fill out form	As we all know, our nearly century-old clubhouse is nearing the end of its lifecycle, and the need for a new facility that will
Men's League: *Individual Entry Fee.	\$100	carry us into the future becomes more pressing each year.  Our golf course is among the best around, and we envision a new clubhouse that not only serves as a vibrant community
Ladies' League (Cloud Peak):	\$100	hub, but also offers year-round opportunities for golf and additional recreation for Johnson County residents.
Ladies' League (Blacktooth):	\$30	Fundraising to achieve this ambitious goal is well underway
Season Range Pass:		and continues to build momentum. A dedicated savings account through the Buffalo Golf Course Foundation, Inc. has
Single	\$190	been established, and thanks to your generous support, the
Couple	\$240	fund has grown to \$382,944.91.
Family	\$290	Would you like to contribute to the new clubhouse fund and
Season Cart Pass:		help bring this vision to life? Every donation makes a difference!
Single	\$600	
Couple	\$750	YES \$10 \$25 \$100 Other
TOTAL DUE:	\$	

#### \*No refunds of a golf season pass after June 1<sup>st</sup>

#### DEFINTIONS

- · Single Season Pass Holders shall be persons over 18 years of age.
- · Couple Season Pass Holders shall consist of any married couple.
- Family Season Pass Holders shall consist of any married couples or single parents with household children less than 18 years of age
  or married couples or single parents with full-time students through 24 years of age.
- · Student memberships shall consist of persons under the age of 25 who attend school on a full-time basis.