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BUFFALO GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER



From The Club

Buffalo Golfers,

Now that we are in August it is great to see how much the course has improved since the spring. There are always many projects we are trying to focus on and that remains ongoing, however, the job the Jeff and his entire crew have done this season has been fantastic. Once the weather permits Jeff has more projects to focus on and he will touch on some of those below.

In regards to the pro shop I would also like to thank Nik Constantine for what he has accomplished in his first year with his new responsibilities. One thing I enjoy most about the golf business is the ability to help develop golf professionals and Nik has become a great asset to the staff and the course. While on the topic of staff I am sure many of you noticing Wyatt Waller becoming more involved in the golf operation as well. Wyatt is looking into pursuing a career in golf and the first step in that is to pass the Playing Ability Test. In July, Wyatt played in his first ever PAT which is a 36-Hole tournament where a certain score has to be attained. Although falling short of the 36 Hole Target Score, he put together a great 18 holes which enabled him to become a PGA Associate and begin the process of becoming a Class A PGA Professional. If you see him, please congratulate Wyatt on this huge accomplishment.

Speaking of tournaments... we have had a lot of juniors doing some amazing things in the golf world this year. If you spend any time at all at the course, you will notice Logan Money grinding away both on the short game area and the golf course almost every day, and the hard work is paying off! Logan played in four junior events on the Colorado Front Range Tour this summer and finished in first place in three of those events and third in the other. Most impressively, Logan was awarded the Player of the Year in his age group, congrats Logan!

Addison Bettinger has also been busy working on her game all summer and in case you missed the article in the Buffalo Bulletin, she was chosen to represent Team Wyoming in the Girls Junior Americas Cup. Being chosen as 1 of 4 to represent the state of Wyoming is a great accomplishment.

Weston DeCroo is another junior that has made his summer home the golf course this year. In June, Weston participated in the Drive, Chip & Putt at Buffalo Golf Club. Weston had a great showing in the Drive, Chip & Putt Qualifier and did well enough to move on the Regionals this week in Denver. If you see Weston, make sure to wish him good luck before he heads to Denver... and maybe even Augusta National!

This summer we were able to complete two more PGA Hope Sessions, graduating 9 veterans this summer alone. Buffalo was the first program in the state and due to our success with the program I happy to announce that the success is spreading throughout the state and Wyoming is now home to 5 PGA Hope Programs. Now that we have 30 graduates in total we are noticing a greater need, many of these graduates do not have golf clubs and other equipment needed to play the game. For this years Superintendents Revenge, all proceeds will be going toward equipping these veterans with golf gear so they can continue the game that they have learned to love. Nik will send the flier for the Superintendent Revenge in the next few days, and we ask as many of you to participate as possible, it is a great event and more importantly a great cause.

It has been another busy year at BGC, and our goal is to make our course as run as efficient as possible. This is not always easy when we have over 190 rounds in a day, but efficiency is our goal and I hope we get closer to that every day. Thanks to all off you for a great season so far!

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

Legends Tournament - 8th Mens Club Championship - 16/17th Ladies Club Chamionship - 16th Junior Club Championship - 16th Superintendent Revenge - 28th

SEPTEMBER

High School Invitational – 4/5th Johnson County Healthcare – 10th AGC Of Wyoming – 18th

OCTOBER

Oktoberfest Cross Country - 11th



From The Superintendent

July was a busy month. Not necessarily with huge projects that look glamorous in a newsletter, just the everyday routine mixed in with hot and dry. The mowing alone can consume the majority of the crew's time. One of the drawbacks to having so much live grass, is that it always needs to be mowed. You maybe surprised how much effort goes into simply keeping the grass alive. Finding the sweet spot between too wet and too dry is a never ending endeavor. It's the reason you see so much hand watering, or the numerous sprinklers set up, or the late afternoon 2 minute irrigation cycles. You see what I mean? Not glamorous, but necessary. The goal being to keep as much of the course, as possible, looking good. Knock on wood, its already August and the course looks great.

The greens did get aerated with knife tines. Allowing oxygen into the soil if extremely important to fine turf, and the knife tine is the least disruptive to ball roll. We followed that up with sand topdressing the greens. The whole process went very well and we will attempt to do it on a regular basis. Topdressing greens provides a smoother putting surface by leveling imperfections and allowing the ball to sit up more rather than compressing the grass blade. We were able to continue with our fertility program. Keeping the tees and cart path seedlings fed, and spoon-feeding the greens as need. Just this week we began fertilizing the rough, first time this year. Healthier turf, that's what we want.

It's not all about grass. We added some flowers at #1 tee and work just started on the bed behind #10 tee. Not my idea, but I like it. Get rid of some old shrubs, add some color, hang a larger flag, and end up with a view we can all enjoy and be proud of. As time allows, we'll expand that effort.

Short PSA to our early, pre 7am golfers. A reminder that, although the maintenance staff attempts to not interfere with your golf, it is really your responsibility to play around us. Prior to 7am is our time and we are not necessarily looking over our shoulder for play. There has not been any incidents that prompted me to address this. I bring it up because our busiest mornings, tournaments or outings, also brings out the most early golfers. Just keep in mind, you may have to make some considerations around us.

Get out and enjoy the course. That is what it is here for, and why we do, what we do.

Jeff

AUGUST HOURS Tuesday thru Saturday 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM Sunday 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM Monday (Kitchen Closed) Bar Hours - 11:00 AM - 8: 00 PM

From The Pro

Hello Everyone,

We are now into the 2nd half of our season here at Buffalo Golf Club and we have a lot of golf left to play. First, we have Club Championships coming up and I want to encourage anyone that wants to test their game against the best here at Buffalo Golf Club to sign up. We will have a 2 Day Men's Club Championship on Saturday August 16th and Sunday August 17th. The Ladies and Junior Club Championships will be 1-day events and will also be hosted on August 16th. Information on the Senior Club Championship will be posted at a later date. Please reach out to the Pro Shop to get your name into any of our Club Championships.

The Superintendent's Revenge Tournament will be hosted on Thursday August 28th. We will not be holding the regular Men's League tee times that day, so if you are interested in playing, please book a time for your foursome. The flyer will be emailed out in the next few days.

Our range balls have been severely depleted over this season. We have put in for another order, but Callaway cannot get us another shipment until October. We ask that if you have any range bags with or without balls in your personal carts or sheds that you please return them and grab a bag from the shop when you come to practice or warm up before your round. If you see anyone out on the golf course playing range balls, please let the shop know or kindly talk to them and let them know this is strictly against our rules. - Nik Constantine

